

LUBGWMA Online Committee Meeting – 5*

02/17/2023 – 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

MEETING Link: 

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Agenda:

Time	Action Item
3:00 pm -3:05 pm	Welcome and present the meeting agenda Salini Sasidharan
3:05 – 3:10 pm	Introduction LUBGWMA Committee Members
3:10 pm– 3:40 pm	Overview of the Bylaw Salini Sasidharan
3:40 pm – 4:00 pm	Discussion by LUBGWMA Committee Members
4:00 pm -4:20 pm	Discussion by Public Participants
4:20 pm – 4:30 pm	Motion and Approval of Bylaw Salini Sasidharan
4:30 pm – 4:45 pm	Advertise the 2nd Public Category Member and discussion Salini Sasidharan
4:45 pm – 4:55 pm	Alternative Member Nomination Reminder Salini Sasidharan
5 pm	Adjourn

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LOWER UMATILLA BASIN GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA
LUBGWMA meeting #5
MINUTES-2/17/2023
Zoom video

Attendance:

Kate Ely
Greg Harris
Kelly Doherty
Kristin Ostrom
Tamra Mabbott
Brian Crawford
Salini Sasidharan
Paul Measeles
Jared Huddleston
Marganne Allen
Debbie Radie
Laura Gleim
Karen Lewotsky
Aaron Palmquist
JR Cook
Justin Green
Monica

- The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Chair Salini Sasidharan.
- Salini went over the meeting agenda.

- The Chair gave an overview of the Bylaws including a definition and purpose. They are to control the internal affairs of an organization, map out the practical day to day details of business and keep the organization focused on its intended purpose.

- The new Bylaws if approved, would supplement the LUBGWMA Committee Ground Rules that were adopted on March 6, 2014.

- Salini mentioned that with Randy Jones retiring from DEQ, he requested to be removed from the LUBGWMA Bylaw Subcommittee.

- The LUBGWMA Committee Bylaws and Policy Annex, Version 2 was presented by Salini. She highlighted the various articles and appendices within.

- Salini opened it up for discussion.

- Salini made a motion to discuss and approve the Bylaws v. 2.

- Aaron Palmquist made a clarification to approve and discuss the v. 2 Bylaws as presented. Tamra Mabbott seconded Aaron's motion.

- Kristin inquired about potentially instituting term limits for LUBGWMA Committee members. Her experience is that is a healthy exercise for boards. Karen mentioned that it could be detrimental to this committee as institutional knowledge is needed and terms may need staggered if we go that route. Aaron was against establishing term limits. It was agreed that the topic will be addressed at future meetings.
- Kate Ely wondered how a committee member could be removed should it become necessary. Salini mentioned that the Chair or DEQ can remove a member if they are absent from 3 consecutive meetings.
- Kristin was interested in how vacancies are filled moving forward. If individuals will be elected or appointed. Aaron stated that after the “re-start” this year members were appointed by DEQ but moving forward they will be elected by a committee majority.
- Kelly Doherty mentioned that she was concerned that the Bylaws were being considered for approval without the 2 citizen members being on the committee (a full committee).
- Salini mentioned that there could be times in the future when the committee has less than 11 members due to resignation, etc. but the committee still must function. She mentioned that the Bylaws are a living document that can be amended.
- JR Cook stated that he would recommend the committee oversee electing or appointing members and not have agencies be in charge of that given changes in focus over time.
- Laura Gleim mentioned that DEQ appoints the committee members but hopes the committee will be self sufficient and only use DEQ as a backstop if needed.
- Kristin made a motion to amend the Bylaws v. 2 to change the word “elected” to “nominated” in Article 5 section 6.
- That motion was seconded by Salini. Vote was taken. Motion carried.
- Aaron called for a vote on the original motion to approve the Bylaws v. 2 but didn’t get a second, so debate continued.
- Laura Gleim stated that the Bylaws mentioned a “state action plan” and the wording may need changed to a “local action plan.” Justin Green stated that there needs to be a plan in place if local plan is insufficient. The topic will be discussed further at future meetings with more clarification.
- Salini seconded Aaron’s motion to approve the Bylaws v. 2 as presented. Vote was taken. Motion carried.

- Salini advertised the 2nd Public Category Member position, giving desired responsibilities and requirements and opened it up for discussion. It was mentioned that applications (Letter of Interest or supplemental materials) need submitted by February 28th. Salini hopes that applicants will be recommended to DEQ after a selection process by the LUBGWMA committee members.
- Salini also mentioned the need for Committee members to finalize their respective Alternative Member nominations before the next meeting. Hopefully members can get that information to Salini before the next meeting so they can be introduced to the group.
- Monica asked about the Morrow SWCD's involvement in the LUBGWMA committee. Salini mentioned that Kevin Payne assisted with Bylaw development and has provided meeting minutes as secretary for the LUBGWMA committee.
- Laura Gleim expressed her gratitude for Salini's hard work on the committee.
- The meeting was adjourned at 4:51 pm.
- The next regular bimonthly meeting will be in-person with Zoom option, Friday March 3rd, 2023 from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. Location TBD.

Submitted by Kevin Payne

Reviewed by Salini Sasidharan