

LUBGWMA HYBRID Committee Meeting – 6*

03/03/2023 – 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

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Agenda:

Time	Action Item
11:00 am -11:05 am	Welcome; present agenda and recap Salini Sasidharan
11:05 – 11:10 am	Introduction LUBGWMA Committee Members
11:10 am– 11:15 am	Appointment of Morrow County Primary Member DEQ
11:15 am – 11:40 am	Alternative member's introduction and appointment Salini Sasidharan and LUBGWMA Committee
11: 40 am – 12:25 pm	Statutes Evaluation, Defining the Role and Responsibilities, and Discussion DEQ, in collaboration with Justin Green
12:25 pm – 12:30 pm	Break
12:30 pm – 12:55 pm	Funding opportunity for interested parties in LUBGWMA from DEQ DEQ
12:55 pm – 1:40 pm	Subcommittee Themes and discussion Salini Sasidharan, LUBGWMA Committee, and Interested Parties
1:40 pm – 1: 55 pm	Presentation of 11th Public Member Nominees Salini Sasidharan
2 pm	Adjourn

Agenda Prepared By - Dr.Salini Sasidharan/LUBGWMA Chair

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*Meetings will be numbered, starting on August 30th, 2022 (1), for data archiving purposes.

LOWER UMATILLA BASIN GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA
LUBGWMA meeting #6
MINUTES-3/3/2023
UEC Conference Room - 750 West Elm St., Hermiston, OR & Zoom video.

Attendance:

Kate Ely
Kevin Payne
Tom Straughan
Kelly Doherty
Curtis Cude
Tamra Mabbott
Karmen Carlson
Carla McLane
Suraj Jena
Brian Crawford
Salini Sasidharan
Phil Hamm
Paul Measeles
Jared Huddleston

Debbie Radie
Courtney Warner
Crowell
Laura Gleim
Karen Lewotsky
Aaron Palmquist
Bob Waldher
Justin Green
Jessica Keys
Wym Matthews
Rob Hibbs
Todd Crosby
Roy Drago Jr.
Kaleb Lay

David Anderson
Dan Doran
Alli Miller
Monica Sanayoa
Wes Killian
Eva Lynn
Grace Goldrich
Jen Maleitzke
Ian Torus
Mike Hiatt
Kris Kourty
M. Millard
Zach Kearl

- The meeting was called to order at 11:00 am by Chair Salini Sasidharan.
- Salini covered the agenda.

- Dan Doran asked if there was a quorum present. It was determined there was.
- Salina gave a quick recap of meeting #5.
- She also covered the LUBGWMA committee organizational structure and ground rules for meetings.
- Introductions of all those present were made.
- New Morrow County Commissioner Roy Drago Jr. was appointed to the committee by DEQ (Laura Gleim).
- Alternate members were introduced and appointed.
 - Morrow County: Tamra Mabbott
 - Umatilla County: Bob Waldher
 - Tribal Government: Kate Ely
 - City Government: Dave Stockdale
 - Science and Research: TBD
 - Irrigated Agriculture: TBD
 - Livestock/Dairy/CAFO: Jennifer Maleitzke
 - Industry and Business: Debbie Radie
 - Environmental/Nonprofit: Jana Gastellum
 - General Public #1: Kaleb Lay
 - General Public #2: TBD
- Salini covered the Bylaw Version 2 Article 3, to define designating agency, lead agency and committee roles and responsibilities.
- David Anderson with DEQ covered DEQ's GWMA process through water statutes.
- Justin Green mentioned that the lead agency will work to get parties to the table and the committee will determine how to implement the recommendations that are brought up.
- Wym Matthews offered for ODA to discuss the fertilizer research project at a future meeting.
- Debbie Radie asked if anyone could speak to the 2nd Action Plan's components and whether anything has been started or is in process.
- Laura Gleim said that DEQ wastewater land application permitting changes have started.
- Karen Lewotzky stated that her understanding of the committee's role or goal is to identify sources of loading and then propose ways to limit or remove those sources.

- Rob Hibbs with ODA introduced himself and ODA's desire to help out in any way they can. He hopes to implement some demonstration projects in the area and some updated monitoring systems.
- Dan Doran asked if DEQ knows the status of a position for the LUBGWMA funded through the Governor's new budget.
- David Anderson mentioned that he isn't sure where that sits at the moment, but that 81 bills tied to water are still in play. He stated that the proposed DEQ positions would be statewide positions, not dedicated to the LUB.
- Laura Gleim pointed out that the funding package has some dedicated contract dollars specific to the LUBGWMA. Will need legislative approval.
- Salini mentioned that she is unsure of the next steps for the committee. How do we implement recommendations from the 2nd action plan with limited resources. She is hoping for a clear vision moving forward now that the new bylaws and voting members have been established.
- Laura Gleim stated that this will more than likely be incremental success over time and maybe a subcommittee could be formed to look at how we implement recommendations from the 2nd action plan.
- Courtney Crowell mentioned that the governor's office is committed to the short term and long-term goals for the LUBGWMA.
- Kaleb Lay asked if the Governor was planning a trip to visit the GWMA.
- Courtney mentioned that they are looking at potential dates for a visit, but nothing is set.
- Aaron Palmquist said that he hopes we look at "hot spots" in the GWMA and take bite sized sections to work in.
- Dan Doran discussed his wish for a subcommittee comprised of Tamra, Bob, Roy and himself to solicit bids from engineering firms to implement a nationwide request for proposals to identify potential solutions. The hope is to utilize knowledge from other GWMA's and firms far and wide.
- Dan made a motion for the formation of a subcommittee to potentially identify a firm or firms for a national solicitation(s) for RFP(s) to look at potential solutions/actions for the GWMA. It would be called the "RFP Scoping Committee."
- Motion was seconded by Aaron Palmquist.

- A vote was taken, and motion carried.
- Alli Miller (DEQ) gave a presentation on potential funding opportunities in the LUBGWMA through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund. She gave a thorough program overview.
- Tamra Mabbott mentioned that Morrow and Umatilla County have been trying to come up with a scope of work for the 1.7 million dollars they received via the congressional direct spending. Areas in the GWMA could consider building community drinking water systems. If so, the Clean Water State Revolving Fund could be of use.
- Salini gave a current subcommittee overview and opened it up for discussion on other potential subcommittees.
- Brian Crawford wondered how we could prioritize the formation of subcommittees relative to our charter and can that be done before the postdoc is done with the research.
- Salini mentioned the postdoc is only looking at one element of the 2nd Action Plan, that is whether the GWMA is one singular aquifer or compartmentalized system.
- Tom Straughn encouraged the committee to update the 2nd action plan before forming subcommittees.
- Kate Ely echoed what Tom said and hopes the committee will go through the 2nd Action Plan chapter by chapter to look at its strengths and weaknesses. That process may lead the group in the formation of subcommittees.
- Karen Lewotsky mentioned she would like to see committees formed around deliverables and not necessarily sectors.
- Dan Doran stated that he hopes the group doesn't lose focus and create scope-creep with the County, State, Federal and LUBGWMA roles and responsibilities being mingled.
- The candidates for the 11th Public Member of the LUBGWMA Committee (Rural Residential Community) introduced themselves. The candidates included Carla McLane, Kelly Doherty, Karmen Carlson, Philip Hamm, Todd Crosby and Wes Killion.
- The committee will nominate a candidate for DEQ appointment.

- Kaleb Lay mentioned that it will be nice having a committee member that is a well owner in the GWMA.
- Next scheduled meeting is set for May 5th,2023 location TBD.
- The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Submitted by Kevin Payne

Reviewed by Salini Sasidharan