

LUBGWMA HYBRID Committee Meeting – 9*

09/08/2023 – 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Join In Person: 750 West Elm Avenue, Hermiston, OR 97838

MEETING Link: 

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Agenda:

| Time | Action Item |
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| 11:00 am -11:05 am | Welcome; present agenda and recap. Salini Sasidharan |
| 11:05 am – 11:10 am | Introduction LUBGWMA Committee Members |
| 11:10 am –11:20 am | Industry Member, Appointment DEQ |
| 11:20 am– 12:00 pm | Workshop Summary Salini Sasidharan |
| 12:00 pm – 12:30 pm | Break |
| 12:30 pm – 12:45 pm | Introduction to Potential Subcommittee Salini Sasidharan |
| 12:45 pm – 1:45 pm | Discussion and Subcommittee Formation LUBGWMA Committee Members and Public |
| 2:00 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.

Lunch will be provided.

LOWER UMATILLA BASIN GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA

LUBGWMA Committee meeting #9

MINUTES-9/8/2023

UEC Conference Room 750 W. Elm Avenue, Hermiston, OR 97838 & Zoom video.

Attendance*:

Kate Ely
Roy Drago Jr.
Tamra Mabbott
Carla McLane
Salini Sasidharan
Jake Madison
Debbie Radie

Karen Lewotsky
Bob Waldher
Dan Doran
Stephen Machado
Jose Garcia
Tom Straughn
Greg Harris

Kristin Ostrum
Kaleb Lay
Ian Toevs
Todd Crosby
Sandy DeBano
Kerri Macomber

**due to technical difficulties, a comprehensive list of online participants was unavailable.*

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

Salini covered the agenda and meeting ground rules.

LUBGWMA Committee members and alternates present introduced themselves. A quorum was present.

Salini thanked Brian Crawford for his service as he steps down from the Committee's industry member position.

Laura Gleim mentioned she will work on a formal appointment letter for Ian Toevs from DEQ to the committee.

Ian Toevs introduced himself and gave some background with regards to his qualifications and desire to serve on the LUBGWMA Committee.

Salini gave a LUBGWMA workshop summary. ~50 participants and 20 speakers attended. She gave a summary and prioritization from the world café session that looked at evaluating the goals from the second action plan. The group suggested goal #9 (hydrological studies) was the top priority. If the group had 1 million dollars to use in the LUBGWMA, funding a USGS hydrology study was the most recommended use of money. As for foundational resources to prioritize and ensure success, the group identified dedicated funding as the number 1 priority. BMP development and Community outreach were also mentioned as being of great importance.

Salini and Dan Doran then introduced some potential subcommittees focused on actions to consider forming. Those included a Funding Subcommittee, Communication Subcommittee, Data Management Subcommittee, Regulatory Subcommittee, Postdoc Engagement Subcommittee, & Monitoring Strategy Subcommittee.

Ian proposed looking at the priorities identified from the workshop and those should drive the formation of subcommittees.

Karen reminded the group that these subcommittee ideas were just suggestions for the committee to consider.

Kate Ely stated that she approves of the proposed subcommittee outline and structure with the understanding that the priorities identified by the committee will be used to fine-tune the subcommittees down the line.

Kate Ely made a motion to accept the subcommittee and task force format presented the motion was seconded by Debbie Radie. Salini called for a vote. The motion carried with 10 yes votes.

Kate Ely made another motion to form a funding subcommittee, motion was seconded by Kristin Ostrum. Salini called for a vote. The motion carried with 10 yes votes.

Kate Ely made another motion to form a Technical Subcommittee, motion was seconded by Greg Harris. Salini called for a vote. The motion carried with 10 yes votes.

Laura Gleim mentioned the DEQ will work with Dan, Salini and Kevin on meeting logistics ahead of meetings.

Kate Ely made a motion to create a Communications Subcommittee, motion was seconded by Jake Madison. Salini called for a vote. The motion carried with 10 yes votes.

Jake Madison requested formal appointment to the committee as the irrigated ag representative as opposed to the alternate. Salini thinks it has already been done and will look into it.

Salini proposed having meetings every month moving forward, alternating hybrid and virtual only on Thursdays instead of Fridays. For instance: October 5th virtual only and November 9th hybrid.

Salini made a motion to having meetings every month moving forward, alternating hybrid and virtual only on Thursdays instead of Fridays, motion was seconded by Dan Doran. Salini called for a vote. The motion carried with 9 yes votes.

Dan mentioned that he will be the lead for the funding subcommittee and Greg will be a task force coordinator. An official motion for these assignments will come at a later date.

Next scheduled meeting is set for Oct. 12th, 2023 9:00 – 11:00 am, online only.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:09 pm.

Submitted by Kevin Payne

Reviewed by Salini Sasidharan