LUBGWMA Committee General Meeting 12* Virtual
12/14/2023 – 9:00 am to 11:00 am
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Agenda Prepared By - Dr. Salini Sasidharan/LUBGWMA Chair
Kevin Payne/LUBGWMA Secretary
Laura Gleim/DEQ

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

Lunch will be provided for the in-person meetings. Thanks to the Morrow/Umatilla County
The meeting was called to order at 9:04 am by Vice Chair Dan Doran.

Dan covered the agenda and meeting ground rules.

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

Dan opened up discussions for subcommittee updates.

Ian Toevs mentioned that there were no updates on the industrial side of things.

Misty Edgecomb gave an update on the communications subcommittee. She is doing a series of interviews with members to come up with a draft plan for review at the January meeting.

Dan said the funding subcommittee has had several conversations with HDR and some federal folks to get the ball rolling. Dan mentioned that Salini is looking at a research grant.

Tamra stated that the best practices subcommittee has yet to meet.

Jose Garcia mentioned that he would like to be on the funding subcommittee.

Jake Madison mentioned that there have been some informal discussions by subcommittee members on BMPs and how to best present them.

Dan turned it over to Laura Gleim for agency updates. Laura mentioned that the public comment notice is posted for the POM DEQ permit modification.

Rob Hibbs with ODA stated that they are looking forward to the SIA in the GMWA and the remote evaluation
they are area plans not related to the LUBGWMA action plans. The ODA plans are revisited every 2-6 years. Roy Drago mentioned that the Morrow County Water Advisory committee is meeting in early January and the 4 briefing papers put together by GSI are posted on the County website and Tamra will send out a link to them. Tamra gave an update on the EPA grant that is in the works. Dan opened it up for general comments. Laura Gleim spoke to Kaleb’s question in the chat about what an Area Plan is and that maybe ODA could give a presentation about them. Dan addressed Debbie’s question about qualifications of the State’s Water Coordinator position and that discussions are being had. Debbie mentioned that potential buyers of property in the GWMA might need education given the breakdown in communication about Nitrate issues that may or may not exist and testing in the 2 counties. Debbie also wondered what the timetable is with regards to the postdoc research and findings. Isaak mentioned that next fall should be the presentation of the postdoc findings after peer review this spring. Dan stated that Morrow County, Umatilla County and the State of Oregon are all testing in the GWMA on properties and may be of use for potential property buyers. Curtis Cude mentioned there is an act on the books since 1989 requiring that domestic wells be tested for bacteria, nitrates and arsenic on properties being sold and that data to be shared, but there is no enforcement or compliance elements. He encouraged education of realtors in the area. Laura Gleim addressed a question from chat on Phil Richardsons trends analysis update and hopes it will be available soon. Next scheduled meeting is January, time and location TBD. Salini hopes for Fridays again and there was no objection to that. The meeting in January will be a hybrid meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:06 am.

Submitted by Kevin Payne
Reviewed by Salini Sasidharan