

LUBGWMA Committee General Meeting 12* Virtual

12/14/2023 – 9:00 am to 11:00 am

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Agenda:

Time	Action Item
9:00 am - 9:10 am	Welcome; present agenda and recap. Salini Sasidharan
9:10 am - 9:15 am	Introduction LUBGWMA Committee Members
9:15 am – 10:15 am	Subcommittee Update Subcommittee Coordinator
10:15 am – 10:30 am	Agency Update Agency Delegates
10:30 – 11:00 am	General Update (LUBGWMA Committee/General Public)
11:00 am	Adjourn

Agenda Prepared By - Dr. Salini Sasidharan/LUBGWMA Chair
Kevin Payne/LUBGWMA Secretary
Laura Gleim/DEQ

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Lunch will be provided for the in-person meetings. Thanks to the Morrow/Umatilla County

LOWER UMATILLA BASIN GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT
AREA

LUBGWMA Committee meeting #12
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Zoom video

Attendance:

Roy Drago Jr.	Robb Hibbs	JR Cook
Debbie Radie	Sandra DeBano	Aaron Palmquist
Jose Garcia	Kevin Payne	Mike Hiatt
Bob Waldher	Jared Huddleston	Monica Samayoa
Justin Green	Laura Gleim	Russ Kazmierczak
Dan Doran	Jake Madison	Tamra Mabbott
Curtis Cude	Kaleb Lay	Wym Matthews
Tom Straughn	Ian Toevs	Abigail Tomasek
Greg Harris	Wes Killion	Kelly Doherty
Ruijun Qin	David Wooster	Misty Edgecomb
Kristin Ostrum	Benjamin Burgener	Chris Kowitz
Shiloh Simrell	Isaak Stapleton	1-402-xxxx-205
Jessica Keys	Bill Gross	

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. Luara 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

process. ODA is also working on updates of the Ag Water Quality plans for Umatilla and Morrow County.

Chris with OWRD mentioned that they will be sending out reminders to folks to use back flow devices if you use fertilizers in your irrigation systems.

Kevin Payne with the SWCD mentioned that he is meeting with ODA and NRCS about some funding opportunities. Those programs may include RCPP, CIG grants and/or CSP.

Dan and Isaak gave a quick update on the Postdoc subcommittee. Isaak stated that the group will continue to have quarterly meetings to keep the information being gathered is full and complete and that everyone has all the data they need to fill any gaps.

Rob Hibbs acknowledged a question in the chat about the ODA AGWQ plans mentioned earlier. He stated that 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 Richardson's 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

