

Upper Snake Basin Advisory Group

MEETING MINUTES Summer Tour – Driggs, ID Wednesday, June 18, 2014

Attendees

Bill Allred – DEQ-TFRO
Jay Barloi – Twin Falls Canal Company
Roger Blew – BAG-Representative at large
Justin Hays – BAG-Recreation
Mike Lein – Friends of the Teton River
Gary Marquardt – BAG-Non-Municipal
Ralph Myers – BAG-Hydropower
Bruce Olenick – DEQ-PRO
Andy Olsen – DEQ-IFRO
Brian Olmstead – BAG-Irrigated AG
Richard Savage – BAG - Livestock
Troy Saffle – DEQ-IFRO
Katie Shewmaker – DEQ-TFRO
Lynn Van Every – DEQ-PRO
Amy Verbeten – Friends of the Teton River
Matt Woodard – BAG-Environmental, Chairman

Welcome and introduction

Attendees gathered at DEQ's Idaho Falls Regional Office. The attendees were welcomed by Matt Woodard, BAG chairman. Everyone departed for the first leg of the tour at about 7:45 a.m. The business portion of the meeting was conducted as a working lunch at The Lodge at Palisades Creek.

Bag business

- Matt Woodard asked if anyone had further questions on the Marsh Creek Project total that was explained in an email verifying that the amount was correct in the minutes. There were no further questions. A motion was made by Gary Marquardt to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2013 meeting. It was seconded by Richard Savage. The motion passed and the minutes were accepted as written.
- A motion was made by Brian Olmstead to approve the minutes for the Wednesday, April 2, 2014 meeting. It was seconded by Gary Marquardt. The motion passed and the minutes were approved as written.
- Katie Shewmaker gave an update on the FY2014 funding for 319. The DEQ state office sent out an email explaining that due to a large amount of EPA employees taking early retirement last year, the grants and loans office was left at half the staff.

This has slowed the funding flow into the states. EPA thought the funding may be available by the first week of July. When the money is received, notification letters will be sent out from the DEQ state office.

- The next meeting will be the 319 Ranking Meeting. It is scheduled for October 1, 2014, in Twin Falls.

Teton Creek Tour

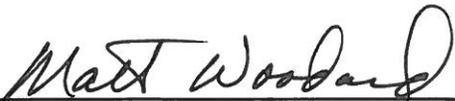
Friends of the Teton River Executive Director, Amy Verbeten, and Restoration Director, Mike Lien, gave a morning guided tour of the 319 Teton River Project. Mike provided a handout of restoration and rehab pictures of the project from multiple years*. Teton Creek was channelized by a developer beginning in the early 1980's when he began to construct a residential development. Friends of the Teton River began restoration work in 2006. The total cost of the project is over 2.2 million, with 319 grant money providing over \$500,000 to the multiple projects funded on Teton River. Restoration work has included stabilization and restoration of eroding banks using bio-engineering techniques, re-contouring and terracing, newly constructed flood plains and native vegetation plantings.

Palisades Creek Tour

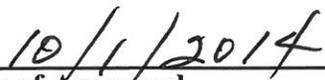
We give a special thank you to Justin Hays for a fabulous lunch provided by The Lodge at Palisades Creek. After a working lunch and business meeting, Matt Woodard gave a tour of the 319 Palisades Creek Project. The total project cost was over \$200,000; with \$90,000 utilized from 319 grant money. The project included bank restoration and stabilization, a constructed log jam, root wads, sediment reduction and improvements in water quality and fish habitat.

Adjourn

Richard Savage made a motion to adjourn the business meeting; it was seconded by Ralph Myers. The business meeting was adjourned by Matt Woodard at 1:29 p.m. The tour ended at approximately 2:30 p.m.



Chairman



Date of Approval

*Enclosed are photos handed out of Teton Creek and photos taken the day of the tour.

Handout of Teton River Project



Handouts from USBH6 Tour 6-18-14

reference photo

Toston Creek



Channel section







7010 in 2011 flow of head set



3.24.2001







Photos of BAG tour



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Teton Creek, Driggs, ID



Palisades Creek

