

# Lake Walcott Watershed Advisory Group

## Meeting Minutes

(All Minutes Are Recorded)

Burley City Chambers 1401 Overland Ave.

Burley, Idaho

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

Time: 7:00 pm

### ATTENDEES:

1. Carolyn Rambough-DEQ-TFRO
2. Mike Etcheverry-DEQ-TFRO
3. Earl Christensen- WAG Chairman
4. Carolyn Firth-ISCC
5. Alan Monek-IASCD
6. Stan Lloyd- Cassia Creek Irrigation
7. Mark Dallon-US Forest Service
8. Art Hill-USBR
9. Pat McCammon-6S Ranch
10. Katie Shewmaker-DEQ-TFRO

#### **I. Welcome and Introductions**

**7:00 PM**

***Earl Christensen-Chairman***

The meeting was called to order and everyone was welcomed in attendance. Each of the attendees introduced themselves and whom they represented at the meeting.

#### **II. Wag Business**

**7:05 PM**

***Earl Christensen-Chairman***

1. Approved Minutes-
  - a. Motion to approve minutes as read. A motion was entertained to approve the minutes as read and motion passed unanimously.
  - b. Motion made to approve the Marsh Creek project. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **III. 319 Process/ WAG Responsibilities**

**7:10 PM**

***Mike Etcheverry-DEQ***

Each WAG is responsible for advising IDEQ on specific actions that are needed to control the water bodies within their watershed. IDEQ has a grant process for special projects that will improve water quality standards within each watershed. As part of the grant process, each WAG will listen to the presentations for the projects. Then they will decide if the project is viable. If the WAG votes to pass it through, they would then draft a support letter to IDEQ-State Office. From there the project goes onto the BAG (Basin Advisory Group). The BAG would then listen to the presentations and rank them as far as priority, and send them to the State Office. All of the BAG's in Idaho will go to the state office to rank all of the projects. Only a certain amount of projects will make it through for funding.

#### **IV. Marsh Creek Riparian Restoration Project**

***Carolyn Firth-ISCC***

(Power-Point Presentation)

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The project involves fencing of riparian areas along some portions of the creek, planting willows and other riparian vegetation, installation of stream crossings that will function as water gaps for stock-water, and installing offsite watering facilities, rock barbs, rock drop structures, rip rap, tree revetments, sediment basins, and possibly water control structures. The expected outcomes include reduction in sediment, nutrients, and bacteria, plus improved wildlife habitat. Other expected benefits include improved health of domestic animals and wildlife, restoration of water quality capable of supporting self-sustaining populations of aquatic biota, improved fishery, and enhanced aesthetics of the area. The total cost of the project is \$ 363,100.00, with match funds of \$ 147,100.00 (40.51%).

**V. Cassia Creek Update**

**7:25 PM**

***Stan Lloyd-Cassia Creek Irrigation***

Stan reported that the Cassia Creek group did in fact start an irrigation district. They now, have there own bi-laws, and board of directors. The irrigation district has drawn up the legal paperwork and are in the process of filing with an attorney.

**VI. Cassia County Groundwater Update**

**8:15 PM**

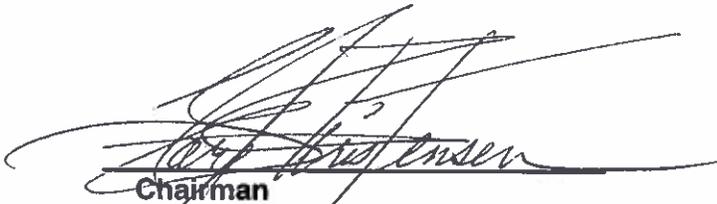
***Carolyn Firth-ISCC***

Carolyn Firth wanted the WAG to know that she is involved with the Cassia County Groundwater committee. The Groundwater committee is also having some monitoring done up by Marsh Creek for Nitrates.

**VII. Adjourn**

**8:30 PM**

***Earl Christensen-Chairman***



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