THE WOOD RIVER WATERSHED ADVISORY GROUP
MEETING MINUTES

Big Wood Canal Company, 112 S. Apple St. Shoshone, Id
Tuesday September 22nd, 2009
7: 00 PM

ATTENDEES:

1. Carolyn Rambough- IDEQ-TFRO
2. Bob Turner- Little Wood Irr.
3. Bob Simpson- City of Carey
4. Clint Krahn-Irrig./Ag- Chairman
5. Lynn Harmon-BWCC
6. Daryle James- Recreation
7. Bryan Ravenscroft- Hydropower
8. Sue Switzer- DEQ-TFRO
9. Mark Toone- Livestock

I. Welcome and Introductions **7:00 PM**

Bob Simpson- Acting Chair

Bob Simpson called the meeting to order.

II. Wag Business **7:07 PM**

1. Approved Minutes-
   a. Bob Simpson entertained a motion to approve the minutes as read. Lynn Harmon made the motion, and Mark Toone seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
   b. Daryle James made a motion to adjourn at 8:02 PM, Lynn Harmon seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

III. DEQ-Twin Falls Regional Update **7:10 PM**

Sue Switzer- DEQ-TFRO

According to the Idaho Statues, Title 39/ Health and Safety; Chapter 36 for Water Quality; the duties of each Watershed Advisory Group shall be responsible for recommending those specific actions needed to control point and nonpoint sources of pollution within the watershed. The WAG shall consult with the director and participate in the development of each TMDL within the watershed. According to the Idaho Code, the WAG shall cooperate fully with the public involvement or planning processes of other appropriate public agencies.

DEQ is looking at about an 80% budget cut for the fiscal year, and will be trying to do some water quality monitoring with the Hydrolab; site assessment; or by using data from other agencies.

The WAG committee was asked if the meetings can go on during the day, to help cut costs. The group decided to have the meetings during the day around 2 or 3 in the afternoon, and there will only be a meeting held every three or four months; unless something important pops up.

There were some WAG surveys sent out to the members, and DEQ would appreciate having them filled out and sent back to the regional office. This will help the employees of DEQ to understand what the WAG members want and work with them better.

DEQ has been working with The Department of Fish and Game to prevent the invasion of Invasive Species. Both agencies have been placing Quagga and Zebra Mussel traps in the watersheds. So far, DEQ has placed the traps in Salmon Falls Creek, Magic Reservoir, Milner, Lake Walcott, in Neely, American Falls, Centennial Park, and at Owsley Bridge. Some members suggested putting some traps in the Little Wood Reservoir.
Out of about fifty projects that were submitted throughout the state for the 319 grants, only two from our region were approved for funding. The I Coulee Wetland project from Twin Falls, submitted by the Twin Falls Canal Company was one of the projects approved. The other was the Marsh Creek Restoration project, submitted by Carolyn Firth with the Soil Conservation Commission.

IV. 2008 Integrated Report **7:25 PM**

Sue Switzer-DEQ-TFRO

The Integrated Report for 2008 has been approved. The Big Wood River, Camas Creek, and the Little Wood River have been added for pollutants. Now the 2010 report is due for review in November. DEQ would like any information that the WAG members may have, pertaining to the creeks for this watershed, in order to add the implementation that has been done.

V. Little Wood 5 Year Review Update **7:35 PM**

Sue Switzer-DEQ-TFRO

In the 5 year review, the executive summary is the same, nothing has changed. As far as the Assessment part of the review, some implementation has been added. If anyone from the WAG, is aware of any other implementation, please let DEQ know and it will be added to the review. In section 2 of the review, a more detailed map of the surrounding areas, was added. However, some of the members would still like for the streams to be obvious, or brighter. They need to stand out more. Then it was asked to, have a note off to the side letting people know that there is an even more detailed map available.

VII. Adjourn **8:02 PM**

Clint Krahn- WAG Chairman

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Chairman

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Date of Approval