

Meeting Summary
WRIA 54 Lower Spokane River
September 22, 2004

Initiating Agency and Implementing Government members recorded on the sign in sheet were:

Doris Deitrich, Landowner
Dick Price, Stevens County PUD #1
Brian Crossley, Spokane Tribe
Bea Lackaff, Spokane County
Tracy Rehwald, WDOE
Jaime Short, Ecology
Christy Brown, CLB Planning

Merrill Ott, Stevens County Commissioner
Rob Lindsay, Spokane County
Bill Gilmour, Spokane County
Jim DeGraffenreid, Lincoln County
Bill Rickard, City of Spokane
Sandy Dotts, WDFW

Meeting began 10:00 am

Bill Gilmour opened the meeting at 10:00 am. On behalf of Spokane County, Mr. Gilmour thanked the initiating agencies, the implementing governments and everyone in attendance for their support of this project and for volunteering their time and ideas. Around the room introductions were made by each attendee.

Christy Brown explained the Attendance sheet that was being sent around. The attendance sheet shows the attendance record for everyone that attended a meeting and signed in since May 15, 2004. This sheet will be used to track dates of attendance at regularly scheduled planning unit meetings.

The draft meeting summary for the August 25, 2004 WRIA 54 meeting was distributed and reviewed. Brian Crossley motioned to accept the August 25, 2004 meeting summary without any changes and Jim DeGraffenreid seconded.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

MOA Update

Bill Gilmour provided an update on the status of the MOA. The City of Spokane (City) and Spokane Tribe (Tribe) exchanged comments and the MOA is close to becoming a finalized document. Dick Price noted his concern about language in Section 10.2. Brian Crossley explained what the City and Tribe had agreed on verbally and that satisfied Dick's concern.

Scope of Work

Bill Gilmour presented the update on the Phase II scope of work (SOW) and distributed an up to date copy for attendees to review. Sandy Dotts from WDFW asked if the meeting attendees would consider adding a tributary instream flow analysis to the SOW. Sandy stated the Coulee and Deep Creeks are important fisheries and the WDFW would encourage analysis of this tributary. The meeting attendees agreed that a consideration would be written into Section 4 of the SOW.

Mission Statement and Goals

Bill Gilmour presented a handout of draft mission statements and goals for the meeting attendees to review. Dick Price stated he liked mission statements 3 & 4 with minor changes. Merrill Ott agreed with Dick and suggested some alternative wording. Christy Brown asked each attendee if there were other comments or suggestions. Brian Crossley stated his approval of the 4th mission statement with some changes. Bea Lackaff stated she would like to see specific reference to water conservation, clean drinking water, and preservation and restoration of habitat. Merrill Ott wanted to make sure quantity; instream flow and water quality are incorporated into the mission statement. Jim DeGraffenreid noted a combination of mission statements 3 & 4 would be a good mission statement and asked Bill Gilmour to incorporate the comments that have been

provided at the meeting. Bill said he would do this and if there were any other comments or changes, that the comments be emailed to him soon enough to incorporate into the next meeting package.

Discussion of Operating Procedures

A discussion about the importance of landowners attending the planning unit meetings occurred. Doris Dietrich stated her uneasiness of being the only landowner in the group of agency representatives. Merrill Ott encouraged Doris to speak with her fellow landowners and encourage their attendance, as it is very important that a representation of landowners be at this type of meeting. Merrill stated that the State of Washington designed this planning process so landowners could participate and he supports and encourages that concept.

Voting by absentee ballot will be accepted by the WRIA 54 planning unit as long as the vote notification is received in writing before the meeting starts. Voting by proxy vote will also be accepted as long as the representative states whom the proxy vote is for before the vote is offered. In both cases, the vote will be counted in the quorum.

Bill Gilmour discussed the decision making process concerning administrative and non-administrative decisions. The meeting attendees agreed that administrative decisions would not require a second vote the following meeting. Non-administrative decisions will require a second confirmation vote the following meeting.

A quorum at a WRIA 54 meeting will be defined as six (5+1) voting members in attendance of a meeting. This decision was based on the attendance at the last two consecutive meetings. Jim DeGraffenreid made the recommendation and all the meeting attendees approved it.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Wrap-up and Adjourn

The next meeting is set for October 27nd at the City of Airway Heights Community Center in the upstairs courtroom from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.