Meeting Summary Watershed Implementation Team Little Spokane – Middle Spokane River Local Watershed Plan May 16, 2007

Committee members recorded on the sign in sheet were:

Stan Miller, Spokane County Mike Lithgow, Pend Oreille County Mary Wren Wilson, City of Liberty Lake Greg Sweeney, Eloika Lake Assoc Rick Noll, Spokane Co Conservation Dist Sara Hunt, Dept of Ecology Claudia Crawford, Whitworth Water Bill Rickard, City of Spokane Kris Graf, City of Spokane Tim Vore, Avista Utilities Ty Wick, SAJB Susan McGeorge, Whitworth Water District Reanette Boese, Spokane County Mike Hermanson, Spokane County Tom Wimpy, Diamond Lake Rob Lindsay, Spokane County Jeff Storms, Sacheen Lake Improvement District Ben Brattebo, Spokane County

Guests Present:

Dale Gill, *Private Property Owner LSR* Tami McGoldrich, *EWU* John Perry, *EWU*

Introductions and Meeting Summary: Reanette Boese called the meeting to order. Committee members and guests introduced themselves. The meeting summary for May 2, 2007 was reviewed and approved with one addition being that an assignment was given to draft a grant recommendation for issue IV.A.02.a.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

West Branch Little Spokane River: Nothing new to report.

<u>Middle Spokane Instream Flow Report:</u> Rob Lindsay reported the final draft report is available electronically. Comments of support or objections to the draft report, a process required by Department of Ecology are due by May 25, 2007 and these will be included in the formal record for this project. There will be a WRIA54 and WRIA 57 Instream flow public meeting on June 27, 2007 at 1 p.m. in Airway Heights, Community Bldg. A presentation of *Instream Flow recommendation process* will be given at that time. (Note the meeting has since moved to 10 a.m. at the same location.)

Conservation: No update

Fiscal Years 2008 & 2009 Grant Proposals: Reanette posted previous proposals and new proposals that have been received for Department of Ecology grants. The Water Conservation Education proposal and the Irrigation Efficiency Pilot Project proposal were removed because they were already funded. The Water Rights Database Evaluation was removed because the legislature provided some money to Ecology for this purpose. The group discussed the remaining proposals and than ranked them in order of importance and decided which department of person should help prepare the grant forms to be submitted to Sara Hunt, Department of Ecology no later than June 11, 2007 for a final submission date of June 15, 2007. The proposals submitted and reviewed are as follows. Several of the proposals were removed from the list and

others were merged together. The remaining proposals and their final ranking positions are noted below.

Operating Budget

#1 Little Spokane River Gauging Re-establish Elk gauge with real time equipment and install a lake gauge at Diamond Lake. This will also fund continued monitoring of gauges already installed in the LSR watershed. Rick Noll, Conservation District will help with preparation.

Did get some funding thru June 30, 2007.

- #2 Wetland Restoration Feasibility To include more general areas. Spokane County will help with preparation. This proposal has not been funded previously.
- Multi-Use Flow Control Model and data collection for West Branch of Little Spokane #3 River. Greg Sweeney and the West Branch Committee will help with the preparation.
- #4 Water Conservation Incentives City of Spokane and Spokane County will have input on this grant application. Not previously funded.
- #5 Regional Conservation Consortium Coordinator Rob Lindsay, Spokane County will help prepare this proposal.
- #6 Stream Flow Augmentation Study Program from Post Falls to Sullivan. Ty Wick will lead in preparation of this proposal.
- #7 West Branch Assessment Last year the legislation appropriated \$75,000 for this proposal and May 15, 2007 another \$75,000 for beaver mitigation was signed by the governor for this fiscal year. For this grant application we are asking the Pend Oreille Conservation District to make a 2 year proposal.

Capital Budget

Facilitation and Coordination of Spokane River Instream Flow Regime Work Group #1 WRIAs 54 and 57. This falls under the Watershed Council part of the Capital Budget. Spokane County will prepare this proposal.

Other Meetings:

May 24, 2007 WCAC, 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Spokane Valley Hospital Outpatient Wing, 12606 E Mission.

June 27, 2007 WRIA54 /Watershed Planning Unit 1 p.m. Airway Heights Community Bldg.

Next Planning Unit Meeting:

June 6, 2007	9:00 a.m12:00 p.m.	Chattaroy Fire Station
June 20, 2007	9:00 a.m 12:00 p.m.	Conservation District Conference Room