

**Meeting Summary**  
**Watershed Implementation Team**  
Little Spokane – Middle Spokane River Local Watershed Plan  
August 5, 2009

**Committee members recorded on the sign in sheet were:**

Ty Wick, <i>SAJB</i>	Lloyd Brewer, <i>City of Spokane</i>
Reanette Boese, <i>Spokane County</i>	Greg Sweeney, <i>Eloika Lake Assoc</i>
Rob Lindsay, <i>Spokane County</i>	Walt Edelen, <i>Spokane Conservation District</i>
Claudia Crawford, <i>Whitworth Water</i>	Susan McGeorge, <i>Whitworth Water District</i>
Steve Skipworth, <i>Vera Water &amp; Power</i>	Bill Rickard, <i>City of Spokane Water Dept</i>
Mimi Wainwright, <i>Dept of Ecology</i>	Howard Rowley, <i>Horseshoe Lake</i>
Todd Henry, <i>Vera Water &amp; Power</i>	Ben Brattebo, <i>Spokane County</i>

**Consultants Present:**

Barry Dutton, *PBS&J*

**Introductions and Meeting Summary:** Reanette Boese called the meeting to order. Committee members and guests introduced themselves. The meeting summary for July 1, 2009 was reviewed and approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**West Branch Little Spokane River:** Greg Sweeney reported the next scheduled meeting is September 21, 2009. They will have their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Poker Paddle at Eloika Lake on September 19, 2009. For information on the Poker Paddle you can go to: [www.spokaneparks.org](http://www.spokaneparks.org).

**Conservation:**

Lloyd Brewer reported that the City of Spokane and Spokane County's indoor rebate program has started. An insert was sent in the city and county's statements this month. They are offering up to \$100.00 rebate or credit for installing water efficient washing machines and toilets. For more information the website is: [www.SpokaneWaterSmart.org](http://www.SpokaneWaterSmart.org) or call 866-960-63556.

Susan McGeorge reported that Whitworth Water District has distributed water hose timers to customers that do not have sprinkler systems in the district. Many customers are reporting a large decrease in their water use.

**Legislation:** Rob Lindsay reported that Spokane County is considering updating the regulations on rural clusters. Mimi Wainwright commented that the stock water exempt well users topic will be coming up in the state legislation very soon.

**Storm Water Update:** Reanette reported that the City is using a new method to design an infiltration system for the storm water from Hazel's Creek on the south hill. Much of the south hill stormwater has been directed to evaporation ponds because of flooding basements.

Lloyd Brewer reported that the City of Spokane Planning Commission would be meeting in September on storm water ordinances.

Rob Lindsay reported that Brenda Sims has retired from the Spokane County Stormwater Department. She was involved in many branches of the department. Rob will keep the group posted as to the position and who will be her replacement.

**APC Meeting:** No update.

**Wetland Opportunity Studies:** Barry Dutton from PBS&J gave a PowerPoint presentation on the wetland opportunities in WRIA 55/57. He presented several design options for each of the four potential wetland sites identified for further study – Newman Lake North, Eloika Lake, Diamond Lake, and Chester Creek. The design options included potential costs and water storage potential. One comment was to add contact landowners to the next steps list. Barry requested that comments on the final report be sent to Ben Brattebo by Friday, August 14, 2009.

**Annual Report:** The final draft for the 2008 Annual Report was distributed and some change suggested by the group will be made to the Summary of Financial Expenditures. The WIT discussed including activities associated to implementation of the Plan being carried out by members of the WIT in the 2009 Annual Report.

**Year 3 Grant Scope of Work:** Reanette will email a copy of the Scope of Work that was submitted to the Department of Ecology in June to the members. It will include development of the xeriscaping web site, water resource investigation, irrigation efficiency and ground water well monitoring.

**Other Issues/Announcements:**

Rob Lindsay reported that the WRIA 54 Watershed Plan is in the process of being approved by the required governments. The City of Spokane is ready to start moving forward today with their first vote to approve this Plan without the adjudication recommendation.

Ewing will be conducting free Irrigation workshops every Saturday in August for homeowners. They will be held in the Spokane Valley on Montgomery Road.

August 12, 2009 Spokane Indians Game *“Water Conservation Night” and “Go Green Night”*

Dale Gill sent an article from the June 2009 issue of Sunset Magazine on water issues and water conservation that was of interest. Reanette will scan the article and email to members.

**Next Planning Unit Meeting:**

September 2, 2009 **9:00am – 12:00pm** Spokane County Conservation District

This will be a combined meeting with WRIA 56.  
John Bottelli, Spokane Parks & Recreation and Ben Brattebo will give presentations.