

**DRAFT Meeting Summary**  
**WRIA 54 - Lower Spokane River Watershed**  
**February 22, 2012**

**Location:** Airway Heights Advanced Water Reclamation Facility, Airway Heights, WA.

**Planning Unit members and guests in attendance / recorded on the sign-in sheet were:**

Mike Hermanson, Spokane County  
Rob Lindsay, Spokane County  
Doug Greenlund, City of Spokane  
Bill Rickard, City of Spokane Water Department  
Brian Crossley, Spokane Tribe  
Rusty Post, Department of Ecology  
Rick Noll, Spokane Conservation District  
David Luders, Indian Village Estates Water Association  
Jeanne Barnes, Spokane Association of Realtors  
Amanda Parrish, Lands Council  
Craig Volosing, Palisades Neighborhood

**CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS**

Rusty Post opened the meeting at 10:00 am. Participants introduced themselves. The group approved minutes from the December 14, 2011 meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There will be a Firewise Week May 20 to May 26 with an agency open house on May 25 at the Finch Arboretum. If anybody would like to setup a display check with Garth Davis the Forestry Program Manager at the Spokane Conservation District.

**PHASE IV PROJECT UPDATES**

Amanda Parrish provided an update on the Deep & Coulee Creek Watershed Restoration project. They are currently working with 4 landowners over a total of 3 stream miles. Planting for the project will begin in late March. Amanda noted that one of the landowners brought to her attention that there is a culvert on Coulee Creek that is a fish passage barrier. Amanda asked if anyone in the group had any suggestions on programs to address fish barriers.

Mike Hermanson reported that the West Plains Ground Water Elevation Monitoring project is ongoing. Monthly measurements are being done, and a second synoptic will be done in late April or early May. The Ground Water Availability and Sustainability Standard project is now off the ground. There will be a meeting on February 29<sup>th</sup> at the Regional Health District Auditorium.

The Stevens County Conservation District is working on the Lake Spokane Water Quality Monitoring project. They are currently selecting dates for the satellite imagery that will be used for the phosphorus concentration data of Lake Spokane. Sampling with the fluorometer will begin once the lake level comes up.

Eastern Washington is currently working on West Plains geology projects. They have been able to do a lot of field work with the weather this winter. The project is progressing as planned.

Brian Crossley reported that the Chamokane Watershed Council met a few weeks ago. There are various projects aimed at non point source reduction on Chamokane Creek with Ecology and EPA funding. The projects include planting, fencing, cattle bridge, etc.

Mike Hermanson reported that sites for the Ground Water Age Dating project are being selected.

## **REGIONAL WATERSHED PLANNING & IMPLEMENTATION**

Rob Lindsay provided an update on discussions the WRIA 55/57 and WRIA 56 groups have had about how the groups will function when they are no longer eligible for Phase IV base grants. The combination of the WRIA 55/57 and 56 groups administratively has worked very well this past year, and they are interested in the prospect of WRIA 54 being included in that group. The group discussed different options for a consolidation. A key consideration is whether the consolidated group will have administrative support that is funded in some capacity. The group decided to continue to look at this option and to let the WRIA 55/57 and 56 groups that they are interested in some form of consolidation.

## **ADMINISTRATION & GENERAL SCHEDULE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next WRIA 54 meeting will be on March 28, 2011 from 10-12 at the Airway Heights Water Reclamation Facility.

## **ADJOURN**

Rusty Post adjourned the meeting shortly after 12:00 pm.