

**Upper Grande Ronde River Watershed Partnership  
Place-Based Integrated Water Resource Planning  
Stakeholder Meeting**

**Meeting Minutes**

**November 02, 2016**

**Community Connections Building**

**ATTENDANCE:** Mark Davidson, Kyle Carpenter, Scott Hartell, Jed Hassinger, Steve Parrett, Nick Myatt Brett Moore, Dana Kurtz & Darcy Johnson Carreiro Shad Hattan, Rod McKee, Matt Insko, Brett Rudd, Tim Wallender, Jeff Oveson, Rodger Huffman, Donna Beverage, Curt Ricker, Mauri deLint, John Frisch, Allen Childs, Mike McLean, Mike Burton, Darrel Dyke, Gary Miller, David Haire, Jessica Phelps, Kate Frenyea, Adrienne Averett, Curtis Martin, Michael Bettis, Robin Maille, Anton Chiono & Bill Gamble

Convener, Mark Davidson opened the meeting at 5:30 pm

**I. Welcome & Introduction:**

- A.** Convener, Mark Davidson welcomed everyone in attendance.
- B.** All attendees introduced themselves individually.
- C.** A recap of the agenda presented, work plan schedule & the goals of the group was done by Mark. He also gave explanation of the map of the Upper Grande Ronde. Mark asked the Stakeholder group for review & approval of the minutes from the October meeting. Rodger Huffman asked for clarification on the end goal, specifically regarding water laws and the potential of changing water laws in this process. Steve anticipates that there will be no initiation of changes to water laws. Steve stated that policy or legal barriers to solutions can be identified during Planning Step 4, but efforts to initiate and pursue changes to policy or water law are outside the scope of the grant agreement and planning process. Rodger asked for further clarification on water rights/water allocation. Shad provided input as well based on supply & demand that occurs in our county.
- D.** Public Comments & Announcements: The Stakeholder Committee approved the October 6th 2016 Stakeholder meeting minutes as submitted.

**II. Discussion of Meetings:**

- A.** Nick shared some feedback from the past meeting as well as suggestions that we received from attendees of the last Stakeholder meetings. Nick opened it up to suggestions from the group. Dana asked if receiving documents via email was appropriate, the group agreed that it was. Nick asked about the time of day. Evening meetings are preferred by the group. Nick announced that the next Stakeholder meeting will be December 6th at 2 pm at the Community Connections building.
- B.** Nick shared that OWRD is coordinating training by the National Policy Consensus Center on collaborative work groups. Nick said that the OWRD will be at the next meeting to offer training on collaborative work groups &

help the Stakeholders truly understand how these groups work. He encouraged all members to attend the training December 6th as well as offering any Stakeholders that are interested in attending the 1 hour training the Steering Committee is beginning at 1 pm that same day. Jon Unger will be here that day as well and can provide information about OWRD's grant programs to anyone interested.

### **III. Step 1 Document Review:**

- A.** Kyle reviewed the comments that the Steering Committee received after the October Stakeholder meeting.
  - 1. Kyle shared that we added 7 new contacts to the Contact List and encouraged any members to send any additional contact information possible members that may be interested in becoming a stakeholder contact to Scott or Dana.
  - 2. Kyle reviewed the new draft of the brochure as distributed, after edits had been made.
  - 3. Kyle also reviewed the Work Plans for Steps 2-5; there was not a lot of feedback on this document.
  - 4. The actual Comment Tracker was reviewed by the group. Kyle shared that all individuals who provided comments were contacted, informed of any changes made or considered and were thanked for their input.
- B.** Jed Hassinger reviewed the new draft of the Communication & Outreach Plan.
  - 1. Jed shared how the group plans to share the information with the Stakeholder group as well as the public.
  - 2. Jed stated that the Steering Committee is working on a power point presentation that this group can use when attending outreach meetings or various opportunities.
- C.** Mark reviewed the revised draft Governance Agreement
  - 1. Mark reviewed each redline change, edit or deletion that was submitted through the public comments that were received by the Steering Committee by the Stakeholder group. He clarified changes within the document page by page. Tim Wallender asked if individuals (for example, farmers/landowners) could appoint a representative to attend a meeting in their place just as an agency would. Mark said yes it would be treated the same, as long as the attendance requirements were met. The Steering Committee felt like this would give the group the best opportunity to fulfill the goal of having all of the documents finalized. John Frisch asked for clarification on how the Stakeholder Committee will make final decisions in a collaborative effort. Mark explained that the bar is set high within the Governance Agreement and hopes that this group will work collaboratively & efficiently respectfully. Brett also interjected that the power that this group of Stakeholders potentially can have is impressive. Mike Burton asked if a

Stakeholder can be a non-voting member versus a participating member? He thinks that his agency may be hesitant to sign the MOU. Mark asked Gary Miller how the USFWS has dealt with it. Gary shared that his department is actually very supportive of this collaboration. There was discussion about this. Mark suggested that a distinction of “non-voting Stakeholder” category be made. Rodger shared that according to the Governance Agreement the Steering Committee could possibly appoint (add) particular members to the Steering Committee as a “technical advisors”. Mark suggested that this topic be discussed further by the Steering Committee at their next meeting; possibly add this to the Governance Agreement. That "Draft" would then be brought back to the Stakeholders for final review/approval in December.

2. Mark clarified the the MOU, covered any redline changes made with suggestions of provided public comments received. Mark shared the December 31, 2016 deadline to complete Step 1. He explained in better detail the purpose of the Intent to Sign option and how this can help the group meet the deadline for Step 1. Mark stated that he has the Intent to Sign documents here for anyone that is interested in signing this evening.

#### **IV. Step 2 Introduction**

- A. Brett Moore reviewed the Work Plan for Step 2. He encouraged the group to review this document and provide feedback to the Steering Committee for review and edits. Brett stated, we need to get started on this data gathering step soon.
- B. Brett would like to brainstorm tonight and get some names, data sources and potential other input contacts within this group or within the grasp of the stakeholders.
  1. Scott Hartell shared that he has been in touch with the GIS contacts at Union County, OWRD. He asked that anyone with GIS data or any other pertinent data sources to send that to him. Brett stated that they already know that they have access to data from the DEQ. He also stated that the Grande Ronde Model Watershed has offered their data already on file, and current data. Jeff Oveson of the GRMW gave an explanation of the data that they have available, stating their primary focuses of data collection and analysis.
  2. Brett provided examples of specific (each body of water) data they are looking for and asked to group to brainstorm possible resources for finding this. Brett asked for this data or the point of contact for the information to be sent to the Steering Committee. The 3 main locations to focus on are Catherine Creek, the Grande Ronde above Catherine Creek and the Grande Ronde below Catherine Creek, including ground water. Multiple members from the group offered

possible data sources, Brett asked that they share this information with the Steering Committee and stated that he would also reach out to some of them in particular.

3. Brett asked to form a Supply Analysis technical sub-committee that will oversee the collection of the data. Volunteers include: OWRD, Jeff Oveson - GRMW, Allen Childs - CTUIR, Brett will call DEQ to request a representative, Scott Hartell- Union County Planning Director.

**V. Conclusion:**

**A. Action Item Assignments:**

1. Final documents will be presented on December 6th, please send all edits, comments and data sources to Dana.
2. Complete & record match time sheets, please send to Dana by the middle of December.

**B. Other Suggestions/ Feedback:**

Need to turn off ice machine at the next meeting. (Too loud)

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Respectfully Submitted,

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