

## West Branch LSR Watershed Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 22, 2007

6:30 p.m.– 8:30 p.m.

Riverside Fire Station

Riverside, WA

Michele opened the meeting at 6:30 pm.

**Attendees Present:** Mike Carney, Walt Edelen, Dean Fanara, Tjutju? Fanara, Russ Fletcher, Bill Gilmour, John Harkness, Bill Harmon, Mike Lithgow, Rick Low, Gil McGee, Ken Merrill, Dan Peterson, Beverly Rowley, Howard Rowley, Carolyn Russell, Kitty Russell, Jill Short, Luke Short, Jeff Storms, Michele Vazquez,, Kathleen Werr, Thomas Wimpy, Pam Zarko

Meeting opened with discussion on who is “eligible to participate”. Thoughts voiced included:

- Live within the watershed – group felt this is contentious
- Or own property on the lake
- Meet the criteria for approval (being developed)
- Be a Stakeholder (define)
- Attend 3 consecutive meetings
- People who come to recreate

Russ commented – be careful about not discriminating against other groups, special interest groups in the whole watershed, we are talking about the whole watershed

Michele commented that she heard the group supporting eligibility of a participant who has an interest within the watershed that supports the mission statement (which has not been finalized). Reminded group that they need to work on mission statement tonight.

Unidentified member commented that the “group’s concluding activity is not the problem as the committee works by consensus.”

Group agreed to remove the following from the “eligible to participate” list of the DRAFT Operating Procedures:

- Limit to owners or renters
- Include recreate
- Live within the watershed
- Stakeholders

Group reached consensus to leave in – “eligible participate needs to have an interest within the watershed that supports the mission”. Bill commented that the mission statement is very specific already.

The group spent time working on the approval process for new members, looking at who gets to join and who doesn't. Michele heard eligible participants need to:

- attend 3 consecutive meetings
- have an interest in the watershed that supports the mission statement
- individual requests to be sponsored by a committee member, their membership to be voted on by the current committee – unidentified comment “*can we exclude others*”

Members commented that it is important to keep balance in membership

Walt Edelen stated that because public funds are being used, truly anyone can be part of this process and a member of the committee, cannot discriminate. DOE is the sponsor of the money.

Discussion followed, committee asked themselves to reflect on who do you represent, yourself, an association, think about - how do we get to resolution of issues?

Russ reminded the group that they are here to develop a list of the issues, not solve any problems here. The committee assists in the development of a plan that recommends solutions to the issues.

General comments on eligibility, anyone should be able to come, everyone has an individual vote, who would you exclude?

Luke Short commented that we are trying to put together an active committee. John Harkness felt it is important that someone needs to attend at least three meetings, so they have an understanding of what has been going on; before becoming a committee member

Kathleen Werr commented that the committee is creating an open forum and that the group is trying to get a document written as it set up as a working group

Michele reminded the group that consensus is defined as: “*I can live with a decision and accept it even though it may or may not be exactly what I want.*” She also reminded the group that whatever they do and decide as a committee if it doesn't work they can change it.

The following participant eligibility statement was proposed and reached consensus on the phrase:

“after an individual attends 3 consecutive meetings, shows interest in the watershed and supports the mission they may request committee membership”.

It was also agreed by consensus to move this to “Committee Membership: Membership Additions” in the Operating Procedures.

Russ Fletcher stated that as the statement stands, mission becomes a qualifier and that it will take another meeting to address this. Michele commented that the group had already decided to work on the mission statement later as it was not completed.

Unidentified speaker commented that our function is narrow, whatever mission statement says that is what we will do. Michele encouraged the group to think about how to make mission statement more cohesive and reminded the committee to review the operating procedures before the next meeting

The group turned to discussion of the RFP. Russ Fletcher stated that the initial paragraph will be used as the advertisement information and will be put in the Spokesman-Review, January 24-28<sup>th</sup>, and Workforce Spokane through February 7<sup>th</sup>. The plan is to have the new facilitator present at the next meeting.

Feedback about the RFP included:

- request for to focus on applicant qualifications
- need to utilize a broader range advertise position such as: technical agencies, Craig or Louis List, post in public arena, i.e; universities
- don't exclude someone if they don't have expertise in all areas
- applicant need to share their fee structure and hourly rates.

Kathleen Werr, Mary Sterling, Russ Fletcher and Michele Vazquez on the RFP committee as are Kitty Russell and Jamie Short, but they were not available to meet with the rest of the committee

Michele recommended that at least one lake based person sit on the hiring committee. The interviews would probably take a day. Bill Harmon and Carolyn Russell were interested in participating.

The next meeting will be Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm. The hiring committee met from 8:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.