

PBAC Citizen Advisory Group
June 8, 2006, 7:05 to 9:10 pm
Meeting Summary

Members Present:	Joe Spoonemore, Chairman Dan Boone Kirk O'Reilly	Jerry Fairley Michael Echanove
Members Absent:	Bill Elliot, excused Jim Mital, excused Earl Bennett, excused	William Brock, excused Ben McLuen, excused
Guests & Ex-officio:	Tom Scallorn, PBAC Steve Robischon, PBAC Mark Storey, Whitman Co/PBAC George Grader, resident Moscow	Helen Harrington, ex-officio Bob Haynes, IDWR Keith Stoffel, DOE David Hall, PWCN

1. Meeting notes from May were reviewed and approved.
2. Invited guests from Whitman and Latah Counties, both had accepted, Mark Storey attended for Whitman County and Latah County later declined due to current legal issues. Land use (as it is related to water use) in Whitman County was discussed and current development issues limit what can be discussed by the County and Washington DOE. The Hawkins (large retail) development will require the transfer of existing water rights, as no new water rights have been issued by the State of Washington in many years. The process will involve documents to be filed with the County and DOE, which will be public documents. The water right transfer documents are likely to be processed through the Water Conservancy Board.

A discussion followed regarding the 2003 Washington legislation regarding Municipal Water Law, which includes the retention of unperfected water rights by municipalities. In general water right transfers in Washington must be within the same body of water; if not, the transfer may not be approved. DOE is reviewing unused water rights which are being considered for transfer must also consider possible impairment of existing rights at the new withdraw site. A further discussion followed concerning the purchase and sale of water rights in Idaho and Washington, what is allowed, differences and similarities.

3. Draft letter to WSU President Rawlins. A draft of a letter to WSU President Rawlins regarding questions about the proposed golf course expansion was discussed. Consensus was that the letter would not be sent by the CAG, but may be sent by individuals. Joe Spoonemore indicated he would send it as a concerned citizen, not as chair of the CAG. Issues discussed included the intended use of Wastewater Effluent, funding issues, and impairment of existing instream water rights that rely on the discharge of Effluent. It was noted that Washington law requires the mitigation of water rights that are impaired, including both ground and surface rights. It was suggested that a WSU representative be asked to attend a future CAG meeting and answer questions regarding the golf course, no action was taken. Discussion followed that the CAG has drifted away from its original focus of citizen input and that a tool box of conservation suggestions could be developed.
4. Action of a recent Moscow City Council meeting, it was noted that the Council denied the rezone request for 77 acres of farm ground east of Moscow, to be converted to a motor-business zone.
5. Steve Robischon will meet with the Elks Board on June 21st to discuss keeping the current data logger in the Elk's water well.
6. Michael Echanove was elected as the new chair to replace Joe Spoonemore.
7. Notes are currently being taken by PBAC chair or vice chair.
8. Next meeting was set for July 13th and the meeting was adjourned.