

Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee (PBAC) – Citizens Advisory Group (CAG)
Meeting of July 12, 2007

Attendance

Members present:

Michael Echanove	Dan Boone
Jerry Fairley	Jim Mital
Mark Loaiza	Kirk O'Reilly
Joe Spoonemore	Fritz Fiedler
Bill French	

Keith Stoffel, WSDOE, ex-officio

Members Absent:

George Grader

Guests:

Les MacDonald, Moscow	Aaron Ament, Moscow
Kevin Gardes, Pullman	Barney Waldrop, Pullman
Nicole Baker, Moscow	Tom Scallorn, Moscow
Dianne French, PWCN	Ree Brannon, Moscow
David Hall, PWCN	Steve Robischon, PBAC

Approval of minutes

- The June 7, 2007 minutes were approved as corrected.

PBAC Report & Update (June 19 meeting) - Steve Robischon

- Much of the discussion at the last PBAC meeting centered around funding of PBAC administrative expenses. The PBAC July meeting has been cancelled.

IDWR - No Report

WDOE - Keith Stoffel

- Nothing earth shaking to report.

Whitman County Conservancy Board – Joe Spoonemore

- Spoonemore reported work is progressing on 4 applications for transfer related to the proposed Hawkins Stateline project. The next regular meeting of the Board is tentatively scheduled for July 25.

Old Business

Chairman Echanove introduced continued discussion related to conservation in the region. He explained that the CAG is seeking insight and information from the municipalities to facilitate the CAG's making good recommendations to PBAC.

Les MacDonald, Tom Scallorn, and Nicole Baker updated the CAG on Moscow's efforts to promote conservation. MacDonald and Ament noted that the Moscow City Council will consider the six conservation priorities proposed by Bill French.

Barney Waldrop and Kevin Gardes provided an update of Pullman's activities. Several new conservation initiatives will be included in an update to the Pullman Water System Plan to be considered by the Pullman City Council within the next few months.

Discussion followed related to:

- The benefits of / need for a regionally standard approach to conservation.
- The presence of community support for and/or political will to implement higher water rates.
- Effectiveness of current tiered water rates.
- The requirement to match income generation with cost of service.
- The need to consider supply as well as demand.

Chairman Echanove asked the guests from the cities for suggestions on how the CAG might best support their efforts. Items mentioned included: provide public outreach, gather information, and grade the cities on how well they are doing.

New Business – No New Business

Open Forum – See above for Whitman Water Conservancy Board update

Next Meeting

- The next meeting is scheduled for August 9, 2007, beginning at 7pm, in Moscow at the UI Facilities Services Center, in the Jack's Creek Meeting Room

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.