

November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Moscow, Facilities Services Center, Ponderosa Meeting Room, 2:00 PM

**Attendance**

	UI: Alan Kolok, IWRRI, Director	X	WSU: Dan Costello (Vice-Chair), Assistant VP, Facilities Services
X	UI: Eugene Gussenhoven Utilities and Engineering Director		WSU: Todd Plotner, Quality Assurance Officer, Facilities
X	Moscow: Tyler Palmer (Chair) Deputy Director Operations		Pullman: Clayton Forsmann Deputy Director of Public Works
X	Moscow: Jim Boland, City Council Member	X	Pullman: Kevin Gardes, Director of Public Works
	Moscow: Les MacDonald, Director of Public Works		Pullman: Pat Wright City Council Member
X	Latah County: Paul Kimmell, County Representative		Whitman County: Mark Storey, Director of Public Works
X	Latah County: Tom Lamar, County Commissioner	X	Whitman County: Art Swannack, County Commissioner

Visitors and Others:

Doug Jones, IDWR; Dale Ralston; Colt Shelton, J-U-B; Jim Pilcher, citizen; Chloe Wardropper, UI; Alex Maas, UI; PBAC; Korey Woodley, PBAC.

Action items indicated by: \*\*

Action items where vote is required indicated by: \*\*\*

**Call to Order:**

Dan Costello called the meeting to order at 2:04 PM. Costello conducted introductions.

**1) Approval of October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

Tyler Palmer made a motion to approve October 2018 meeting minutes as presented to the committee. The motion was second by Paul Kimmell. \*\*\*October 2018 draft meeting minutes were approved by consensus.

**2) Public Comment for Items not on Agenda: None**

### 3) Presentations/Discussion:

- **Palouse Basin Water Alternatives Survey presented by Alex Maas and Chloe Wardropper:** Maas offered to conduct a basin wide survey to help assess what attributes are important to community members regarding the selection of a Palouse water alternative. Maas presented using a PowerPoint, attached below. Maas said they would start the survey by collecting demographic data, followed by asking questions about various attributes related to the Palouse Water Alternatives, and then share the various water alternative plans and allow them to select one while keeping in mind the attributes that are important to them. Maas explained they would go to grocery stores to conduct this survey and it would be done in an interview style. Interviewers will use iPads to record results. Maas said the goal is to roll out the survey in February or March and have the results of the survey processed by August. Palmer suggested that Maas and Wardropper should meet with the PBAC Communications Subcommittee to narrow down attributes and give feedback as the survey is produced. Costello said that he would like to see results comparing people's opinions between Pullman, Moscow, and other subgroups. Mass said that they will be able to incorporate that into the results because they would collect demographic data. \*\*Palmer requested that the Communications Subcommittee should take the lead on informing the development of the survey.
- **Palouse Water Alternatives Feedback:** Dale Ralston presented using a PowerPoint, attached below. He presented on a numerical groundwater model (Lum and others, 1990) and the development of goals for limiting pumping. Ralston discussed historic water-level data as compared to the model predictions. Ralston concluded that it is likely the present groundwater withdrawal rates can be continued for an extended time into the future, that every effort should be made to balance increased future population with reduced water use per person, and that local or regional solutions should be used to augment water use from groundwater (such as surface water sources). In sum, Ralston proposes that if we stabilize pumping (continue at the same pumping levels without increasing or decreasing how much water is pumped) that the water levels would stabilize. See presentation for more details.

### 4) Unfinished Business

- **Subcommittee updates**
  - **Research – Dan Costello:** Costello asked if the WSU modeling project was paid for and if there was a process for reviewing the work. Woodley and Gussenhoven said that a check was being processed and sent to WSU. Woodley said that she would work directly with WSU and the research subcommittee to confirm a plan for reviewing work coming out of the project.
  - **Communications – Paul Kimmell:** Kimmell said they met November 2<sup>nd</sup>. They are working on planning the next PBAC retreat that could focus on media training. Kimmell reported that they are working on the development of the stakeholder engagement group. He said they will be working with Alex Maas to develop the Palouse basin survey.

- **Budget Committee – Eugene Guessenhoven:** Gussenhoven reported that the contract amendment for the Palouse Water Alternatives project is in the works and it should be approved before the next PBAC meeting.
- **Project Updates:** Woodley said that Jeff Langman sent a manuscript to herself and Robischon for review. Woodley said she would get him on the schedule for a future PBAC meeting and provide more project updates as they come in.

**5) Budget – Korey Woodley:**

- **Budget Report:** Woodley presented the budget as of November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**6) Other Reports and Announcements as Time Allows –**

- **Next PBAC Meeting – Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 2:00 PM.**

**7) Adjourn at 4:16 PM**

**These meeting minutes were approved at the January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 PBAC meeting.**

**Korey Woodley, PBAC Executive Manager**