

Moab Area Watershed Partnership

Meeting Minutes May 9, 2013
Grand Center, Moab

Stakeholders Present	Affiliation	Others
Mark Sovine, Kirstin Peterson Ann Marie Aubry Bryan Torgerson Mike Allred Bob Davidson Geoff Freethey George Carter	GWSSA City of Moab BLM SITLA UDWQ USFS Trail Mix Moab Irrigation Company	Arne Hultquist, Watershed Coordinator Carl Adams, UDWQ TMDL Manager

ACTIVITY	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Review Agenda and Minutes	No one objected to the May Minutes and there weren't any changes to the agenda	May Minutes were approved.
Adoption of By Laws	The current version of the By Laws was reviewed prior to the meeting and was approved without objection. Mark Sovine asked if we had a quorum and we did with eight voting members participating.	By Laws were approved and will be placed on the web site
Update on Non-Point Source Funding	Carl Adams spoke to the group about how projects were selected for 2013 Non-point source funding. Carl informed the group that they had applications for 4 million dollars in projects and only had 1 million of available funds. He informed the group that they selected projects based on the projects ability to demonstrate water quality improvements. The State also funded several water quality studies they felt were necessary. The Jordan River watershed also received priority funding because it was the target basin for 2013. Carl also reminded the group that we did not have a watershed management plan in place and it was difficult to discern how the MAWP supported projects align with a plan that doesn't exist. Several members asked what project types would have a greater chance of getting funding. Carl noted that projects for habitat improvement also have an effect on water quality and several habitat improvement projects, including one supported by the MAWP, were funded this year. Arne stated that he was disappointed in the 1.1% of available funding Southeastern Utah received. There was some discussion among the members about how to develop projects that would receive funding. One suggestion was to increase participation of the Conservation District and the National Resource Conservation service because they could provide opportunities to work with private land owners that may not be aware of funding opportunities.	The MAWP will reach out to the Conservation District and the NRCS to explore more projects on private land.
Update on Kiosk and Mill Creek Revival	Arne informed the group that the kiosk structure has been completed but the kiosk signage has not been purchased or installed. The project has run over budget due to a change in installation contractors and the subsequent change in cost. Arne is closing out the current mini-grant for the kiosk. He will submit another one for the signage and use Laura's	

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	<p>graphic design work as match for the purpose of the signage. Bob felt the Mill Creek Revival was very successful as an outreach venue. He was especially appreciative of the BLM's booth that contained a soil science demonstration project.</p>	
<p>The Watershed Management Plan</p>	<p>Arne reminded the group of the MAWP goals and concerns for the MAWP watersheds before discussing the watershed management plan status. Arne showed the group that Section 1, the Introduction, was almost complete and he was planning on completing it. He also showed the group Section 2, the Watershed Inventory, has sections in various stages of development. Several of the Watershed Inventory sections were to be developed by MAWP partners and Arne requested we continue working on them. Section 3, the Water Quality Summary, is also close to completion and Arne stated he would work on that Section also. Section 4, the Goal and Objectives hasn't even been started and Arne urged the group to consider brainstorming specific goals and objectives for our watersheds. The group believes that Watershed Inventory and Water Quality Summary will lead us to specific goals and objectives and would like to use those two sections to drive the goals and objectives. The group also stated we needed to have this plan in place by next spring to gain more funding for projects in our area. The group discussed the possibility of meeting bi-monthly to discuss the watershed plan and alternate those meetings with our regular meetings. The group also discussed the time frame for those meetings.</p>	<p>A meeting on the Watershed Management Plan will be held at 8:30 to 10:30, August 8 at the Grand Center. Regular meetings will continue bi-monthly with the next meeting being at 8:30 to 10:30 September 12, at the Grand Center.</p>
<p>Update on Discussions Between the BLM and GWSSA on Mill Creek Flow requirements</p>	<p>Mark Sovine informed the group of discussions between GWSSA and the BLM about lowering the Right of Way requirement of not diverting water at the Sheely Diversion if the flow is less than 3 CFS during the winter months. The GWSSA has been asked to be the lead agency on this proposal. The GWSSA has taken responsibility to bring a technical advisory team together to determine how and what needs to be done to determine what affects it could have on the ecosystem. A timeline for the proposal has not been determined but the proposal will go through the public comment process when it is complete.</p>	
<p>Upcoming Projects/Events</p>	<p>There weren't any upcoming events or projects elucidated by the partnership members present.</p>	
<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>There were no objections to the Arne's request to adjourn</p>	<p>Adjournment</p>