

**Show Low Creek Watershed Enhancement Partnership
and Rainbow Lake Coalition
Tuesday, May 10, 2011, Pinetop-Lakeside Town Hall**

Welcome and Introductions

David Newlin began the meeting at 1:05 p.m. Participants introduced themselves (see Sign In Sheet).

Jodie Humphrey is a college student completing a college writing project and the granddaughter of Nick and Dee Scienski. Her written report of the meeting will be forwarded to David Newlin.

Review and Approval of Minutes and Information from 12 April 2011 Meeting

Nick Scienski moved to approve the minutes from 12 April 2011. Jim Snitzer seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Review of Weed Application on Rainbow Lake – AquaTechnex call-in

Ian Cormican gave an update on the herbicide project at Rainbow Lake. The water temperatures are in the 50s. If there is any active milfoil growth, it will begin to manifest itself very soon. Evidence of milfoil should be reported to AquaTechnex.

Photos are desirable of what might be happening on the lake. Jim Snitzer will forward an e-mail to Ian with photos of windblown milfoil which has washed up on the shore. For additional photos, Ian's e-mail address is: ian@aquatechnex.com. Photos should have specific identifying information.

Milfoil coming out of dormancy has a red or pink stem. If we see that milfoil is growing, Ian will need to make a visit to do a visual survey to estimate the weed density. Because of the irrigation season, a faster-acting treatment may be needed to meet water use requirements.

Ian was invited to the next meeting on June 7.

Byron James mentioned the new ADEQ General Permit for herbicide applications to waters of the U.S. Permit coverage will be needed beginning October 2011 for application of herbicide to a water of the U.S.

501(c) 3 Review and Discussion

Paul Horton and David Newlin pulled together a summary of past discussions on this topic.

Service Area – any projects, discussion, etc. upstream (south) of Fool Hollow Dam. David asked for mark-ups on the map for improvements.

Name – “Friends of Show Low Creek Watershed”

Statement of “character of affairs” – add “...use of water resources in and around the Show Low Creek Watershed upstream from Fool Hollow Dam...” and delete reference to the HUC.

The group decided to maintain “water quantity” in the first bullet point. Also add “sustainability” at the end of the first bullet point.

Goals and objectives of corporation – Keep the word “education” in 2nd bullet point.

Ken Wilcock made a motion that we incorporate the changes to section #4 of the summary as described above. Leland Hutton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Tax-exempt status - David Newlin will check with Larry Whipple for documentation that the irrigation company is a non-profit organization.

Board of Directors – David Newlin passed out forms (Arizona Corporation Commission Certificates of Disclosure) to fill out for the initial Board of Directors.

Members – Ken Wilcock suggested those who financially contribute to the organization are voting members. The form of contribution (dollars, time, product, etc.) will need to be addressed in the By-laws.

Property owners should be defined as those “within the service area.”

Some cons to open membership: It’s difficult to have all members make decisions. Attendance at meetings is inconsistent. Members will have a voice at annual meetings to approve changes to the By-laws and approve the board members.

By-laws – This will be the big discussion item at the next meeting. By-laws are needed for incorporation. The RC&D, The Shores, and irrigation company, Coconino Watershed Advisory Council By-laws can be obtained as an example.

501(c) 3 - This has been discussed extensively and it has been determined that the 501(c) 3 is the best way to go.

Executive Director – This can be deferred. The cost may be around \$20,000 (for a ¼ time employee). If funding isn’t available, there are ways to continue the organization, perhaps as a volunteer organization.

The RC&Ds have been de-funded by Congress. This has little impact to the Little Colorado River Plateau RC&D, except for the ability to provide time without some degree of funding.

Until the organization gets the non-profit status, it probably shouldn’t directly handle money.

The reasons to incorporate are to make more of a difference and seek grant funding.

Web site – www.rainbow-lake.org or www.rainbow-lake.net are available. The Web site can be functional with a short amount of time and money. This will help facilitate donations. There was some discussion about the domain name and whether it is representative of the scope of the organization. The Web site funding could be obtained from the county donation. **Jim Snitzer made a motion that the RC&D Web master proceed to develop a Web site for this group to be presented at the June meeting,**

at a cost not to exceed \$500. Nick Scienski seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

A demo of the Web site will be made available at the next meeting. It is important that the RC&D's PayPal link should be on the website for donations. There's no end to what can be done with the Web site. Regarding the domain names, it is important to make sure the site shows up with a multiple of Web searches. Social media (Facebook and Twitter) are also great tools which should be utilized.

Advisory Board – This will likely come up in the By-laws.

SRP Participation on Rainbow Lake Issues – No progress to report yet.

Aquatic Weeds, State Invasive Weed List, Responsibilities – Political support isn't in place yet. The Partners in Wildlife program might be an option. Darlene Tuel will check on this. One problem with a Game and Fish weed control program is that Rainbow Lake is mostly private land ownership. The key is to establish a state list of noxious and engendered species and establish responsibility for their control.

Arizona Game and Fish Environmental Assessment, Update – Comments are due by May 11. Several comments have been received, including comments not in favor to the Game and Fish stocking program. Ending fish stocking would eliminate trout propagation and trout fishing in White Mountain lakes.

Update on Navajo-Hopi Tribal Settlement – There is no change from last meeting. This may not be settled before Senator Kyle leaves office.

Updates – Darlene reported on the Bureau of Reclamation's Science and Technology Program. There are four areas for grant funding. Priority areas include renewable energy and climate change. Darlene will forward this information to David to distribute to the group.

Leslie reported that the town of Pinetop-Lakeside adopted its strategic management plan for 2012-2013. The general plan is on an upcoming ballot for public vote this month. This is an important election for the town.

Call to the Public – Ken Wilcock suggested a follow up community meeting be held to report on the outcome of the weed control effort. The July 12 meeting may be scheduled as a town hall meeting.

Next Meeting – The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, June 7, 2011**. There will likely be a field trip to the lake during this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.