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TEMPORARY ARTIFICIAL RECHARGE COMMITTEE FOR THE BIG LOST
RIVER VALLEY

Department of Water Resources
Eastern District Office

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The meeting was opened by Doug Rosenkrance, with a short statement as to what might be accomplished by the committee.

Marx Hintze nominated Charlie Huggins to be chairman of the committee -- seconded by Randy McAfee -- vote was unanimous.

Dave Nelson nominated John Traugher to be secretary of the committee -- seconded by Marx Hintze -- vote was unanimous.

John Traugher suggested that proper control valves be installed below the Moore Diversion -- not only for recharge but to protect the integrity of Spring Creek and return its natural flows. He also suggested that a major effort should be made to clean the Spring Creek Channel of garbage. He also was willing to supply a wrecker at no chg. -- to snag and drag the junk cars out of the channel if the county or someone would furnish a loader and trailer to haul the cars to the dump. We would hope that the land owner would permit us to do this in a cooperative effort by all agencies involved to return Spring Creek to its original integrity. The present landowner, P.U. Ranches is not responsible for this part of our valley being used as a dump sight -- seems that in the old days it was a handy place for residents to throw their junk.

Seth Beal advised the committee that permission had been granted to start filling the gravel pit at Moore, and as the committee had not been formed at the time, that he signed the forms.

Dave Nelson suggested that we go visit trouble spots and areas that would provide good recharge areas -- He also has volunteered to use his available equipment to assist in the recharge endeavor. (Others have also volunteered their equipment and help.)

Seth Beal reported if P.U. Ranches was agreeable to replacing a small culvert by a larger one, that W.O. Bell had offered to donate \$100.00 to the cause.

It was unanimous that the EAST SIDE of the valley below the dam has serious water problems, whereas the rest of the valley at this time was receiving abundant recharge waters.

Randy McAfee stated and the others agreed that now is the time to do something about it.

Suggestions included:

1. All headgates should be open into Spring Creek.

2. All property owners should participate in removing obstructions -- such as inadequate culverts in Spring Creek -- and that every effort should be made to supply Spring Creek at the head of the stream.

3. Every headgate below the dam needs to be opened and all ditches filled, particularly in the East side of the Valley.

4. Other viable recharge areas were discussed and every effort will be made to contact landowners and ask for their permission to participate.

5. The window of opportunity is very narrow and we must act immediately.

6. There should be no chg. for recharge waters.

It was decided that the beavers in Antelope Creek were the best recharge committee for that system -- Randy McAfee stated that he has had some very serious discussions about water with them -- We decided that if Randy could talk to these critters and had the situation under control, we better let well enough alone.

Dave Nelson, said the area above the Mackay Dam has been recharged and to prove it, he gave us a tour and most of the valley floor was flooded with water -- most everyone's yard was wall to wall water. Dave did point out a gravel pit at what he called 4 corners that, if they could get permission to fill, would be a good recharge point for the upper valley.

Liability was discussed and Doug Rosenkrance said he believed we were covered, but we may need to follow up on this with I.D.W.R.

This very informative and **up-beat** meeting was attended by Doug Rosenkrance, Dave Nelson, C.P. (John) Traughber, Ray Boyack, Charlie Huggins, Seth Beal, Marx Hintze, and Mr. & Mrs. Randy McAfee.

Post note: I think I speak for everyone when I say that with **God's help and common sense we can return the Lost River Valley to its original Grandeur.**

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Minutes have not been approved -- if there are mistakes please let me know -- John -- Time is of the essence!