



Grant County
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PRCC Habitat Subcommittee Meeting

CONFERENCE CALL

FINAL APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Thursday February 14, 2018

1:00 pm

Grant PUD Wenatchee Office

PRCC Habitat Subcommittee Members

Kate Terrell, USFWS

Dave Duvall, Deane Pavlik-Kunkel (alt), GCPUD

Justin Yeager, Dale Bambrick (alt), NMFS

Jeremy Cram, Carmen Andonaegui (alt), WDFW

Denny Rohr, D. Rohr & Assoc, Facilitator

Chris Fisher, CCT

Lee Carlson, Brandon Rogers (alt), YN

Carl Merkle, CTUIR

Erin Harris, GCPUD, Admin Assistant

MEETING ATTENDEES

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Pat Wyena, Wanapum

Denny Rohr, DRA

Decisions Made During February 14, 2019 Meeting

1. January 19, 2019 meeting minutes approved.
2. **PRCC HSC (HSC)** members decided to not pay for charges that were incurred by CD Land Trust prior to HSC members decision to approve development funding.
3. HSC members accepted the appraisal for \$160,000 to acquire the "Lower White River Floodplain (Martinson) property, using Fund 602.
4. HSC members approved the funding request of up to \$375,000, Fund 602, contingent upon final completion of the "Framework for Coordination between Fishery Management Entities in Icicle Creek" for the "Icicle Creek Fish Passage – Wild Fish to Wilderness (Boulder Field)" project.
5. HSC members approved payment of an invoice for \$14,907.38 from Anchor QEA regarding an invoice deliverable that reads: Hydrological/Hydraulic analysis; completed for Wenatchee and Icicle.

PRCC Habitat Subcommittee

February 14, 2019

Meeting Minutes Final Approved

MEETING MINUTES

I. **SAFETY REVIEW** - completed

II. **Agenda Review** –

- A. Agenda item added for a discussion of payment of pre-approval charges to CD Land Trust prior to HSC approval of development funding in regard to the Bosket Nason Creek Acquisition proposal.
- B. Agenda item added to discuss the February 12, 2019 Spec Sheet, Project Sponsor – Yakama Nation Fisheries, regarding the “Stormy Project Area “A” Stream & Floodplain Enhancement” project.

III. **Approval of Minutes for January 10, 2019 (D. Rohr)** - approved

IV. **Action Items Review from January 10, 2019 Meeting (D. Rohr)**

- A. With respect to the (Martinson) Lower White River Floodplain Phase 1 – Land Acquisition, Rohr to distribute appraisal and HabSC will review and discuss during next HSC meeting of Feb 14th. **(See Agenda Item VI below)**
- B. Regarding the Bosket Nason Creek Acquisition, Cram will notify CDLT that this proposal was not approved; Duvall will notify CDLT to halt additional work on this project as it was not approved, and Cram will move forward with a review of information regarding the possible installation of PIT-tag arrays. **Completed**
- C. Duvall will contact Mickey Fleming, CDLT, and invite her to the next meeting of Feb 14th to outline and discuss her request for a review of funding details. **(See Agenda Item VII below)**
- D. Cram will follow up with respect to the anticipated IPID water diversion fish screen work, and Duvall will follow up regarding Grant contracting details and the questions involved related to the Boulder Field Proposal. **(See Agenda Item VIII below)**
- E. Duvall and Rohr will continue working on development of a PRCC Habitat Subcommittee letterhead. **Ongoing**
- F. Duvall and Rohr will review the current PRCC Habitat Funds Project Specification Sheet and discuss suggested edits at an upcoming meeting. **Ongoing**
- G. Rohr will contact A. Penvose of Trout Unlimited for an update of the Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project, Phase II project. **Completed**

V. (Additional Agenda Item) Discussion of Payment for Pre-Approval Charges to CD Land Trust that were incurred prior to HSC approval of Development Funding (D. Rohr) – Communication was received from CD Land Trust that some charges related to the Bosket Nason Creek Land Acquisition were incurred prior to the date the HSC approved development funding. Accordingly, Rohr asked the HSC members what their position was regarding the question of paying for work done prior to HSC members approval. After discussion, HSC members decision was to not pay for charges incurred prior to HSC members approval. The start date for work to begin is the official approval of development funding.

V. Habitat and NNI Funds Report – Q4 (D. Rohr)

A. 2018 Year-End Unencumbered Totals:

NNI Fund 601 -\$5,024,196
Habitat Supplemental Fund 602 - \$5,011,684
Habitat Fund 603 \$1,719,021

B. 2019 Deposits:

NNI Fund 601 - \$573,323.50
Habitat Supplemental Fund 602 - \$1,127,731.59
Habitat Fund 603 - \$402,851.02

C. NEW TOTAL UNENCUMBERED FUNDS: \$13,858,806.11

VI. Lower White River Floodplain (Martinson) Phase 1 – Land Acquisition (J. Yeager)

A. Review of Appraisal and Discussion of Path Forward –

Rohr distributed the January 10, 2019 property appraisal to HSC members shortly after the January HSC meeting, and the property's market value was listed as \$160,000. Communication received from Mickey Fleming, CD Land Trust, noted the county assessment was \$235,410 (1-acre homesite worth \$106,400 plus additional acreage worth \$120,010) and the property was purchased for \$200,000 in 2005. Fleming also commented they believe that additional appraisal work should be done to include the value of the 3 cabins plus the assumption that there is a homesite, both of which were not included in the original appraisal of \$160,000.

HSC members discussed the acquisition proposal. The discussion included questions regarding significant restoration work potentially needed to reconnect the oxbow and the homesite existing in the

floodplain, plus a review of the 3 buildings on the property not being included in the appraisal.

After discussion, HSC members accepted the appraisal for \$160,000 to acquire the property, Fund 602. Rohr will notify Fleming of the decision and request submittal of a Spec Sheet as required to move the process forward. Additionally, Rogers asked, and all agreed, to include time on the March agenda to discuss the appraisal process and how it works with the group.

- VII. (2:00) Review of CD Land Trust Funding Arrangements, M. Fleming (D. Duvall)**
– Due to inclement weather and changing the meeting to a conference call, this item was postponed until the March 14th HSC meeting.

VIII. Icicle Creek Fish Passage – Wild Fish to Wilderness / Boulder Field Proposal (K. Terrell, J. Cram, D. Duvall)

- A. Review of Trout Unlimited Spec Sheet dated November 19, 2018
- B. Update of Additional Funding Activities

This discussion was tabled during the January 10th meeting at Fisher's request to allow additional discussion regarding the "Framework for Coordination between Fishery Management Entities in Icicle Creek" draft document. The document is in progress and expected to be completed soon.

Members commented that the Icicle Peshastin Irrigation District (IPID) diversion fish screen project spec sheet is not quite ready for submittal as there are ongoing discussions with the City of Leavenworth regarding their involvement. Members commented that the IPID cost estimate is complete and remains the same at approximately \$1 million.

Discussion continued with comments that there is a plan to save on mobilization costs by coordinating activities of the Boulder Field project and the IPID diversion fish screen project. The IPID diversion fish screen project may be delayed until the fall timeframe, but that does not preclude the Boulder Field project moving forward when ready as the plan is to do the Boulder Field work this year.

Questions arose regarding the official position of the HSC regarding involvement in the IPID and City of Leavenworth diversions fish screen projects. Accordingly, Rohr will review previous discussions and meeting minutes and report back to the HSC at the March meeting.

After continued discussion, Terrell called for a vote of the Boulder Field project, Spec Sheet dated November 18, 2018, Project Title: "Icicle Creek Fish Passage – Wild Fish to Wilderness", HSC funding request of \$375,000. All approved with Terrell abstaining, Fund 602, and the

approval was contingent upon final completion of the “Framework for Coordination between Fishery Management Entities in Icicle Creek”.

Members asked about the status of the IPID diversion fish screen project. Cram responded there are still some things to work out with the USFS (i.e. not allowed to work during hiking season so work is to be done in the fall/winter/spring timeframe), but it seems to be moving forward and costs are as expected. The expectation is to receive a spec sheet within the next couple of months with the anticipation of HSC review in April.

Members also asked that separate spec sheets be submitted for the IPID and the City of Leavenworth diversion fish screen projects and Cram will make that request.

IX. Icicle Peshastin Irrigation District (IPID) Diversions / Fish Screens (J. Cram, K. Terrell)

- A. Status Discussion
- B. Questions Regarding Grant PUD Contracting Details

(See discussion in agenda item VIII above)

X. Cascade Orchards Icicle Creek Flow Restoration Project (COIC) (J. Yeager, D. Duvall)

- A. Update and Path Forward

Yeager reported 2 concerns have surfaced regarding this project. First is the new point of diversion location, and the second is the amount of water they plan to divert. Yeager plans to discuss these concerns with the contractor as this appears to possibly be a change in the scope of work. This project is a “deliverable reimbursement project” and HSC must approve all invoices prior to payment. Yeager will contact the contractor for discussion and clarification regarding his concerns. Additional funders for this project include BPA, SRFB, and Office of the Columbia River, and Yeager will contact them to discuss any concerns they may also have.

HSC currently has an invoice for \$14,907.38 from Anchor QEA regarding a completed deliverable that needs HSC approval in order to make payment. The invoice deliverable reads: Hydrological/Hydraulic analysis; completed for Wenatchee and Icicle. After review and discussion, HSC members approved the invoice for payment. Additional comment was made that HSC needs to monitor future invoices closely to be sure we don't get invoiced for this same work again at the new site.

HSC will continue the discussion of this project at the next meeting to determine the path forward and after Yeager has talked with the contractor.

- XI. **(Additional Agenda Item) Stormy Project Area “A” Stream & Floodplain Enhancement (B. Rogers)** - Rohr commented that the spec sheet for this project proposal, dated February 12, 2019 was received and distributed to HSC members on February 13th, and Duvall commented that he had seen the area of this proposal on a previous site visit. Some HSC members commented that the proposal has previously been reviewed in the HCP Tributary Committees’ meetings, and a new budget including side channels was requested before a Tributary Committees vote would be implemented.

Rogers explained the proposal and identified the parts that were to be funded by the HSC. The HSC funding request was listed for up to \$229,800. HSC members noted that in the past, there were limitations by CD Land Trust on restorations in-stream with LWD regarding liability issues and who owns the improvements. Concern was also voiced that many of these structures will operate at high water, but not low water and perhaps the Entiat needs more low water structures. Additional comments were made that more finalized numbers for the Tributary Committees spec sheet are needed before consideration can be given to the HSC spec sheet funding request.

HSC agreed to continue the discussion of this proposal at the next meeting scheduled for March 14th.

XII. **Potpourri (D. Rohr)**

- A. PRCC Habitat Subcommittee Letterhead update – Will be discussed further at the March 14th meeting.
- B. PRCC Habitat Funds Project Specification Sheet update (placeholder) – No update information.
- C. Discussion of Release of Final Appraisals - Will be discussed further at the March 14th meeting.

Project Updates

- A. **McIntyre Dam - Fish Jumping Efficiency (C. Fisher)** - No update information.
- B. **Shuttleworth Creek Projects (C. Fisher)** - Status quo. Blue Mtn Vinyards are doing the diversion upgrades (don’t want to be on groundwater), so there will be an adjustment to the dam height (need less water in diversion as rest of the irrigators switched to groundwater). ONA will be out enforcing usage to insure they don’t take more water than they are supposed to take. Shuttleworth Creek no longer will get de-watered but doesn’t get the flow it should because the vineyard is still using the water.

- C. **Final Narrative Report, January 30, 2019 -- Roaring Creek Flow Restoration and Diversion Removal Project (K. Terrell)** – This project is finished and will be removed from the Project Updates list; the last small diversion dam will be removed this summer using a few hand tools for 1 day of work.
- D. **Icicle Creek Boulder Field PIT Tag Array (J. Cram)** - no updates.
- E. **Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project, Phase II (J. Cram)** – Irrigators are meeting this week and a representative from TU will be attending to get information and will give us an update next week. Internal water rights review was to be completed in 6 months and it's been much longer.
- F. **Barkley Irrigation Company Permanent Point of Diversion (July 12, 2012) plus 2015/16 O&M Funding (May 14, 2015) - (J. Yeager)** - waiting on update.
- G. **Skaha Dam Fish Passage Project (C. Fisher)** - report was expected by the end of January 2019 - Fisher will check on this.
- H. **Cascade Orchards Icicle Creek Flow Restoration Project (J. Yeager, D. Duvall)** – See discussion above.
- I. **Wenatchee Basin Barrier and Diversion Inventory Proposal – CCFEG (K. Terrell)** – Completed (to be removed from agenda).
- J. **Nason Ridge Riparian Corridor Project – Placeholder (B. Rogers)** - No update.
- K. **General Discussion** – Fisher commented that he has been informed that low head dams that feed into the western side of Okanogan Lake were damaged due to flashy seasonal runoff in 2017 and 2018, and there are two people looking to restore them. Fisher discussed the potential to remove them for anadromous fish passage consideration and consider drawing water from Okanogan Lake directly or use a groundwater source. Consider the timeline for access of anadromous fish into Okanogan lake; consider options to delay the work to avoid removal 2 or 3 years after they were refurbished. Fisher will keep HSC members advised.

Next Meeting – Thursday, March 14, 2019, 1:00 pm, Grant PUD Wenatchee Office

Action Items from February 14, 2019 Meeting:

1. Rohr will notify Fleming of the acceptance of the \$160,000 appraisal and request submittal of a Spec Sheet required for the Martinson Acquisition Proposal.
2. Rohr will include a discussion of the HSC appraisal process for the next meeting of March 14th.
3. Yeager will contact the contractor involved in the COIC project for discussion and clarification regarding specific concerns and report back to the HSC at the March 14th meeting.
4. PRCC Habitat Subcommittee letterhead will be discussed further at the March 14th meeting.

5. Discussion of Release of Final Appraisals will be discussed further at the March 14th meeting.

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