



PRCC Habitat Subcommittee Meeting

FINAL APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

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

Chris Fisher, CCT

Dave Duvall, GCPUD (Via Phone)

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Decisions made during the May 8, 2019

1. April 11, 2019 Meeting Minutes were approved.
2. Committee members agreed to postpone the vote of the Kahler Creek (Toole and Mardini) Land Acquisition while the YN continues discussions with Chelan-Douglas Land Trust (CDLT) regarding the CDLT Land-Owner Agreement.
3. The M2 TCR Land Acquisition proposal from the Yakama Nation was not approved.

Meeting Agenda

- I. **SAFETY REVIEW – Completed**
- II. **Agenda Review –** Rohr added a discussion of M2 TCR Land Acquisition, Yakama Nation (B. Rogers)

III. Approval of Minutes for April 11, 2019 (D. Rohr) – Approved

IV. Action Items Review from April 11th Meeting (D. Rohr)

1. Rohr will include a discussion of the HSC appraisal process and release of final appraisals for the next meeting of May 8th. **Completed**
2. E. Harris will follow up with Grant PUD staff for Habitat and NNI Fund Report status update. - **Completed**
3. Rohr will include a continued discussion of Entiat Stormy Project Area “A” Stream & Floodplain Enhancement for May 8th meeting. **Completed**
4. Discussion will continue at May 8th meeting regarding questions of CDLT Land-Owner Agreement and Yakama Nation. **Completed**
5. Proposal for Kahler Creek (Toole and Mardini) Land Acquisition discussion will continue at May 8th meeting. **Completed**

V. Habitat and NNI Funds Report (D. Rohr) – Rohr distributed Q1 reports by email to committee members.

VI. (Continued Discussion) – Entiat Stormy Project Area “A” Stream & Floodplain Enhancement, Yakama Nation (B. Rogers, D. Rohr) – Funding for this project was approved on March 14, 2019 with the caveat that no funding will be provided for this project until committee members questions are satisfied regarding the CDLT Land Owner Agreement (LOA) requirements and the Yakama Nation, project sponsor. Committee members were advised that discussions are continuing between the Yakama Nation and the CDLT. Rogers stated the next meeting of the parties is scheduled for May 14th and an agreement is expected to be reached at that time. Rogers will keep the HabSC members advised. Additionally, committee members approved moving forward with contract development in an effort to save time during processing after consensus is reached regarding the LOA.

VII. (Continued Discussion) Proposal - Kahler Creek (Toole and Mardini) Land Acquisition, CDLT (C. Fisher) – Rohr reviewed with the committee email received from Mickey Fleming, CDLT, with up-to-date funding information regarding this proposal, including submittal of this proposal for Salmon Recovery Funding Board funding but with a preference for PRCC funding due to timing issues. Also included was information regarding the continued discussions with the Yakama Nation (YN) related to the CDLT Land-Owner Agreement (LOA). Accordingly, after discussion, approval of the proposal for up to \$381,153 was received from all committee members except Rogers who stated he would have to vote no at this time since discussions are continuing and final agreement has not been reached between the YN and CDLT regarding the CDLT LOA. Committee members agreed to postpone the vote until the YN and CDLT discussions are completed. Rogers will keep the committee advised of the outcome of the next CDLT – YN meeting on May 14th. Rohr will keep this listed as an agenda item for further discussion.

- VIII. UPDATE - Icicle Peshastin Irrigation District (IPID) Diversion Fish Screen (J. Cram, K. Terrell)** – No new information has been received and waiting for submittal of a spec sheet for this project.
- IX. (Addition to Agenda) M2 TCR Land Acquisition, Yakama Nation (B. Rogers)**
– The proposal, dated April 22, 2019 was distributed to the HabSC for consideration. Rogers explained that this is a fee simple land acquisition and title would be held by the Yakama Nation. After further discussion and clarification, the proposal was not approved.
- X. Potpourri (D. Rohr)**
- A. Discussion of Appraisal Process and Release of Final Appraisals (placeholder)** – General discussion took place regarding the appraisal process and land acquisitions. It was noted the HabSC would secure an appraisal if committee members decide one is needed and the HabSC funds the appraisal. The committee will fund up to the appraised amount. A draft formal appraisal process will be developed for committee review and approval. More to follow.

Project Updates

- A. McIntyre Dam - Fish Jumping Efficiency (C. Fisher)** – ONA will be evaluating fish passage efficiency this year. Fisher is involved in discussions with ONA and will keep the committee advised.
- B. Shuttleworth Creek Projects (C. Fisher)** - Blue Mountain vineyard having discussion with Nature Trust regarding pulling out of the water user group. Nature trust in donating their water license to in steam flow and will not be supporting reconfiguration of Allendale Dam. Fisher will keep the committee advised as discussions continue.
- C. Icicle Creek Boulder Field PIT Tag Array (J. Cram)** –To date no steelhead have been observed at the Icicle Creek Boulder Field PIT Tag Array. During April the Boulder Field project had minor progress.
- D. Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project, Phase II (J. Cram)** - No new information
- E. Barkley Irrigation Company Permanent Point of Diversion (July 12, 2012) plus 2015/16 O&M Funding (May 14, 2015) - (J. Yeager)** – April was busy with the improved weather and working conditions which allowed contractors to make considerable progress with pipe installation. The work around the MVID head structure was finished and substantial completion was the last week of the month. That portion of the project went smoothly. The phase 1 piping project ramped up as the contractor was able to weld all the pipe in about 1000-foot runs. The pipe is staged and ready for install. The contractor worked on the final grading and bedding prep. Hurst construction connected the first two runs to the inlet modification pipe terminus and began backfilling. The original concern was that welding of the 1000 foot sections would be complicated with work site constraints, which has been a challenge, but the

bigger issue is backfill. The material on site is bigger than the contractor expected, filtering the material for the proper size has been slow. All in all, there is good progress being made.

- F. **Skaha Dam Fish Passage Project (C. Fisher)** – Nothing to report.
- G. **Nason Ridge Riparian Corridor Project – Placeholder (B. Rogers)**- No update.
- H. **Icicle Creek Fish Passage – Wild Fish to Wilderness (Boulder Field) Proposal (K. Terrell)** - April 1, 2020 start date. Continued focus on permitting and coordination between all the entities and agencies involved. On the permitting front Trout Unlimited (TU) had another coordinating call with WDOE to discuss their concerns about shoreline and water quality issues related to the project. They are currently requesting the development of a boulder breaking plan and a Temporary Erosion and Sediment Control (TESC) plan. TU has provided estimates for boulder breaking and calculated quantities of rock to be broken along with estimated quantities of rock-breaking agents to be used. The estimates were provided to WDOE who requested more specific details (drill pattern, etc.). TU is currently working on defining this further. In addition, TU is working the TESC Plan per their request. TU will also develop a SWPPP, as a required part of the NPDES permit. The permits of the action agencies and the local county permits are ongoing. The public comment period closed on the SEPA also, shorelines with Chelan County has closed, there were no notable comments made. TU will continue to coordinate with COL, IPID, WDFW and all the other entities who are part of various pieces of the project as well. This included a meeting with COL, WDFW, Chelan County and the Columbia River Program (CRP) to discuss the project in general and particularly address the fish screen costs and funding gaps. CRP pledged to add another \$100k to the screening portion of the project at the end of that meeting. TU is working with WDFW on a funding proposal to SRFB for the screens. The COL screen project is still in development.
- I. **Lower White River Floodplain (Martinson) Phase 1 – Land Acquisition (J. Yeager)** –No update.

Next Meeting – Thursday, June 13, 2019, 1:00 pm, Grant PUD Wenatchee Office – Committee agreed to cancel the June meeting but hold a conference call if needed. The July meeting was also changed from July 11th to July 14th due to scheduling issues.

Action items from May 8, 2019 meeting

1. Rogers will keep the committee advised of discussions with CDLT regarding the CDLT Land-Owner Agreement.
2. A draft formal appraisal process will be developed for committee review and approval.

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