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PRCC Habitat Subcommittee Meeting

FINAL APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 12, 2015

1:00 pm

Grant PUD Wenatchee Office

PRCC Habitat Subcommittee Members

Kate Terrell, USFWS

Dave Duvall, GCPUD

Dale Bambrick, Justin Yeager (alt), NMFS

Jeremy Cram, Carmen Andonaegui (alt), WDFW

Denny Rohr, D. Rohr & Associates, Facilitator

Chris Fisher, CCT

Lee Carlson, YN

Carl Merkle, CTUIR

Orlene Hahn, GCPUD, Executive Assistant

Attendees

Lee Carlson, YN

Jeremy Cram, WDFW

Dave Duvall, GCPUD

Denny Rohr, D. Rohr & Associates, Facilitator

Orlene Hahn, GCPUD, Executive Assistant (via phone)

Jarred Johnson, YN

Chris Fisher, CCT

Justin Yeager, NMFS

Kate Terrell, USFWS

Larry Rees, Appraiser

Brandon Rogers, YN

Action Items from September 10, 2015 Meeting:

1. **Review of Property Acquisition Language** (D. Rohr, D. Duvall) - Duvall is to get more information from Chris Johnson to define what these things are and why they have been brought up at this time. The Committee approved to move forward with the Buckley II purchase.
2. **Canada Project Tour – October 14/15, 2015** – Everyone is to get a headcount into Fisher as soon as possible so that lodging can be determined for this tour.
3. **602-14H – Shuttleworth Creek Projects** (C. Fisher) – Rohr to draft follow-up letter for Fisher.
4. **XXXX-xx – Parks/Goodman Acquisition** (C. Fisher) – The Committee restated that they were all interested in the fee simple acquisition option only. HSC decided to vote on this project by email and get it taken care of by Friday, September 18th. Rohr is to conduct an email vote from the Committee.

Minutes

- I. **Agenda Review** – Added Colockum Habitat and Steelhead Assessment Update by Cram, Steve Kolk 60% Plans and Cost Estimates discussion by Rohr, and WDFW Carcass Response discussion by Duvall.

- II. **Action Items Review from September 10, 2015 HSC Meeting** (See listing below) - Action items were discussed during the course of today's meeting.
- III. **Approval of Meeting Minutes for September 10, 2015** (D. Rohr) – The Committee approved the meeting minutes.
- IV. **Habitat Funds and NNI Report through June 30, 2015** (Quarterly Reporting) (D. Rohr) – The report was sent out on September 29, 2015 and covers the third quarter through September 30. NNI Fund 601 - \$3,335,070, Habitat Supplemental Fund 602 - \$3,058,293 and Habitat Fund 603 - \$553,807.
- V. **Review of Property Acquisition Language and Appraisal Process** (D. Rohr, D. Duvall)

Discussion with Larry Rees re Appraisal information. Duvall discussed additional information that would be helpful for appraisers to have when working through the appraisal process. Duvall asked the Committee if they would have any problems with taking our existing Spec Sheet and adding to it specific information like parcel number, property owner name and phone number, contact person to arrange for inspection and who needs to be there when the inspection is being done, yellow book or standard appraisal, intended users if known, etc. Appraiser Larry Rees attended this meeting and talked about the norms in the industry and these things are very helpful and make the appraisal process go a lot smoother. There was discussion about the parcel number not giving enough information as generally things that the Committee is asking to be appraised have no address. The parcel number is from when the assessors outline each property and give it a parcel number. Rees also gave a definition of intended users. Duvall, Rohr and Rees to talk offline and define what will be added to the spec sheet. Rees also brought up that some organizations have appraisal requirements. Rees would like to be notified if there are any individual organization requirements when he is asked to do an appraisal.

Rohr asked the Committee if they would like a formal policy written up. Duvall discussed things that are done in the contracting area is there are some boilerplates that are used. The Committee would like to see a policy written up formally. Rohr and Duvall to write-up the policy and have a Draft Policy ready for the Committee to review by December 31, 2015. Discussion of the policy will happen at the first meeting in January 2016.

- VI. **Parks/Goodman Acquisition** (C. Fisher) –
 - A. **Affirm HSC Email Vote for Approval of Appraisal.** Rohr stated for the record that an email vote approval to complete an appraisal of the property had been received. Appraisal received and sent out the day previous to this meeting. Committee to review and discuss at the next meeting. There was concern regarding public access and how is it worded in the Contract - providing or allowing public access.
- VII. **Affirm HSC Email Vote of Approval for Wilson Property Acquisition** (D. Rohr) – Rohr stated for the record that an email vote had been completed and the appraisal of the property was approved to be done. Appraisal currently being worked on and should be done next day on Friday, November 13, 2015. Once the appraisal is received the Committee will review and discuss at the next meeting with attention to be given to the question of public access and how to be worded in the Contract.
- VIII. **Scaffold Camp Acquisition I Presentation** (L. Carlson) – Johnson and Rogers with YN gave a presentation on the Scaffold Camp Acquisition I. The Yakama Nation is requesting PRCC Habitat Funds to acquire Okanogan County parcel 9802130013 at fair market value and cover all associated acquisition costs inclusive of actual consideration for title, appraisal, pre-acquisition, contingency period assessments, and all applicable closing costs. This proposal is related to another acquisition proposal being submitted simultaneously to PRCC for parcel 8828700011, Scaffold Camp Acquisition II. The intent is to acquire both

parcels to support their full restoration agenda for the Scaffold Camp Project. They decided to submit two separate applications for funding since each property provides standalone habitat restoration opportunities and each parcel has a different seller. That being said, they strongly advocate for the purchase of both parcels simultaneously so that a larger suite of restoration actions can be accomplished within the next 5 years in this important section of the Twisp River.

Cram asked about if we need to just approve the YN plan and asked about input from local landowners. How much control can we have? Terrell said that if landowners in the area have questions regarding the project, they can appeal it or go to their County commissioners for discussion. The committee requested more information be provided regarding local landowner feedback. The committee will discuss further at a future meeting.

A. Affirm HSC Email Vote for Approval of Appraisal – Rohr stated for the record that an email vote was conducted and approval was received to get an appraisal of the property. Duvall to make the request to Rees after modifying the current spec sheet to include the additional information approved by the HSC.

IX. **Scaffold Camp Acquisition II Presentation** (L. Carlson) –Johnson and Rogers with YN gave a presentation on the Scaffold Camp Acquisition. The Yakama Nation is requesting PRCC Habitat Funds to acquire Okanogan County parcel 8828700011 (Figure 2) at fair market value and cover all associated acquisition costs including actual consideration for title, appraisal, pre-acquisition, contingency period assessments, and all applicable closing costs. This proposal is related to another acquisition proposal being submitted simultaneously to PRCC for parcel 9802130013 (Figure 3). Our intent is to acquire both parcels to support our full restoration agenda in the Scaffold Camp Project area. We decided to submit two separate applications for funding since each property provides standalone habitat restoration opportunities and each parcel has a different seller. That being said, we strongly advocate for the purchase of both parcels simultaneously so that a larger suite of restoration actions can be accomplished within the next 5 years in this important section of the Twisp River. Johnson included this presentation with the discussion of Scaffold Camp Acquisition II above (see discussion above). The parcel number for this proposal is 9802130013. This proposal will be included in further discussion at a future meeting simultaneously with Scaffold Camp Acquisition I above.

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X. **Colockum Habitat and Steelhead Assessment Update** – Cram reported 8 or 9 fish were tagged at Priest at the very end of the season. Nothing consistent from year to year. Cascadia Conservation District (Cascadia) contacted Cram. A couple barrier inventories were done over a decade ago. The proposal as it is now could take them any number of directions. Depending on landowner outreach. Fisher was not wanting to support this. Terrell stated this is not a high priority. Path forward for Cascadia is to do some more research to tighten up the scope and budget of their proposal. WDFW could provide limited support regarding the PIT tag array.

Cascadia is requesting funds for a habitat assessment of Colockum Creek. The assessment would include a single pass census of the current habitat condition, outreach to local landowners, synthesis of available literature, and field reconnaissance to help determine a possible location for a second instream PIT tag detection site (IPTDS) next spring. This assessment will characterize reach conditions, identify potential projects, and explore the ecological benefits and constraints of undertaking restoration actions through

prioritization of observed project opportunities. In addition, they are proposing a peer review framework with partners and opportunity to the Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee (PRCC) Habitat SC and possibly Upper Columbia Regional Technical Team (UCRTT) to provide feedback on findings and priorities.

- XI. **Steve Kolk 60% Plans and Cost Estimates** – The HCP Tributary Committees discussed this subject in their morning meeting. In a few days, Steve Kolk, USBOR, will provide 2-3 pages containing more information of the plans. Next, there is to be a joint conference call on November 30th at 10:00 a.m. of the HSC and Tributary Committees to discuss the information further. Rohr is to get a hold of Tracy Hillman, Tributary Committee Chair, and Steve Kolk regarding coordination of the call.
- XII. **WDFW Carcass Response** (D. Duvall) – See letter dated October 19, 2015 from WDFW. Duvall stated this goes back to Jason Lundgren's project. Duvall would like to use some of the thousands of surplus carcasses at the Priest Rapids Hatchery for analog production for nutrient enhancement. Duvall asked the Committee if we could get a location to put these would the Committee be interested in turning them into analogs. The Committee stated the permits would be needed to be acquired and an approved project (location) would need to be determined before considering funding analog production and the HSC ultimately preferred a process where the analogs could be produced for little or not cost, not the current cost of \$80-\$100 K.. Duvall mentioned that Chief Joseph staff are interested in supporting this type of project.
- XIII. **Potpourri** (D. Rohr)
 - A. Canada Project Tour/October 14/15 – Fisher, Duvall, and Rohr participated in the tour. Several project sites were visited, and the tour was very informative regarding existing and new projects to be considered.
 - B. NNI Funding List for "2015 and beyond" – Rohr stated this continues to be a work in progress with the PRCC.
- XIV. **Project Updates**
 - A. **602-23H - McIntyre Dam** – Improving Fish Jumping Efficiency (C. Fisher) – No new information provided.
 - B. **602-14H – Shuttleworth Creek Projects** (C. Fisher) – ONA, Kari Alex, will be meeting next week with the Allendale folks. If there is an issue Fisher will get a hold of Rohr. The HSC had discussion regarding the following subjects. Additional HSC discussion will take place after the Allendale meeting next week.
 - 1. Water Diversion, well drilling, etc.
 - 2. Allendale Dam
 - 3. Letter to ONA / Kari Alex
 - C. **602-16H - Roaring Creek Flow Restoration and Diversion Removal Project** (K. Terrell) – Refer to email update sent October 28, 2015 from Terrell. Work on Roaring continued in October with focus on setting up a test pump for the existing well. Based on well development and pumping work in August we are not terribly optimistic that the well will provide the needed water quantities for all of the RCWU. With the unknown variables in regards to the well capacity and after some small fluctuations in a neighboring well during our pre-test, test pump we have begun development of possible alternative delivery of water for one of the users. This work will continue over the next couple of months, but will certainly be dictated by what the test pump discloses, which is scheduled to occur in the first week of November.

- D. **603-27H - Peshastin and Icicle Irrigation Districts Pump-back System Options Feasibility Study** (K. Terrell) – Tabled
- E. **602-13H - Icicle Creek Boulder Field PIT Tag Array** (J. Cram) – Refer to email update sent October 28, 2015 from Terrell. The boulder field final report was compiled with all appendices and is ready for submittal. However, the project team has identified another option worth consideration. Because flows were so low in September every nook and cranny was evaluated and a potential new slightly modified version of Option 4 (preferred option) was identified. TU has decided to take this option, creatively named option 5, back to the technical advisory team prior to fully completing and submitting the report. TU asked for and was granted an extension on our grant with SRFB to accommodate. The technical team has been Doodled and will meet on November 17th to discuss the new option. Cram got another detection and thinks it's a bull trout.
- F. **602-29H - ORRI - Penticton Spawning Platform #3** (C. Fisher) – Nothing new since touring the project in October.
- G. **602-11H - Trout Unlimited – Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project, Phase II** (J. Cram) – Refer to email update sent October 28, 2015 from Terrell. With the winter construction season fast approaching the timeline for construction start became very tight. Final engineering specifications were delivered, commented, reviewed, and revised. All project permitting has been secured with the exception of the HPA, and TU held a site visit with WDFW to answer a few questions about a road crossing near a small ephemeral stream. TU and the engineer are ready to prepare and send bid documents. However, the JSDC is still working with Ecology to answer some questions about their water rights and they felt it best to wait a year. For now, the project is ready to go when the time comes. TU plans to continue landowner outreach and assist with communications between the JSDC board and shareholders as needed, and will keep an open dialogue with Ecology, WDFW, funders, and other stakeholders.
- H. **601-20H - MVID – Methow Valley Irrigation District** (K. Terrell) – Refer to email update sent October 28, 2015 from Terrell. TU and its team made good progress in the month of October on all phases of the MVID project. Lloyd Logging handled the E1 extension change order, work was started the first part of October to install delivery to 10 MVID shareholders on the main E1 lateral. Like Lloyd's work in the past it was clean and met expectations as they moved through the project without any troubles. They are currently waiting on one saddle clamp to arrive, this will be installed and the project will be complete, this should happen in early November. The Bubbler bypass project was awarded to Lloyd Logging the second week of October. Lloyd broke ground on October 19th and is making good progress; the concrete floor was poured the 3rd week in October and stem walls poured the 27th of October. This project is moving along very nicely and should wrap up the first week in November. West side piping project: Bianchi construction demoded the month of October and plan to remobilize the first week in November. This project is on schedule and Bianchi should wrap up the remainder of the work in 2 weeks. All the tree removal on the abandoned portion of the west piping project was completed in October as well. Individual wells: The TU team completed 10 more wells and 2 landowner buyouts during the month of October. This leaves 7 wells to finish up in the month of November and puts TU right on schedule.
- I. **602-27H - Silver Side Channel PIT Tag Array** (J. Cram) – Cram reported that they went out and tagged again. They got about 150 brook trout. A lot of tweaking to the array.
- J. **603-24H - Barkley Irrigation Company Permanent Point of Diversion (July 12, 2012) plus 2015/16 O&M Funding (May 14, 2015)** (J. Yeager)

1. **Temporary Pump Station** - Refer to email update sent October 28, 2015 from Terrell. The Barkley temporary pump station was brought on line July 7th this year, a few weeks ahead of schedule due to the low water in the Methow River. Lloyd Logging was hired to install the 70 foot long suction line and fish screen. Lloyd showed up with two excavators which made the job of installing the suction line very easy. The pump station ran nicely through the summer with one exceptions. The cleaning mechanism on the fish screen quit working the first part of September, TU chose to clean it by hand for the remainder of the season which was not a big deal, just chilly. This will be fixed in the off season when the fish screen is on dry ground. The suction line and fish screen were pulled out on October 15th, 2015 and the pumps winterized for the season. Another season bites the dust.
 2. **Permanent Pump Station (Wilson Acquisition)** - Refer to email update sent October 28, 2015 from Terrell. TU has been working on the Wilson Acquisition and prepping for the possibility of moving the pump station downstream to the most accommodating location. As such TU conducted site visits with well drillers and geologists to explore the subsurface composition on the Wilson Property. Although it is not entirely clear preliminary data collected with GPR on site suggests bedrock is at about 20 feet below the surface where the pump station would be located. This is much better than building in bedrock, so far, so good. We continue to work through the permitting and coordinated cultural resource and field work will start on November 10th. In addition TU spent an exceptional amount of time on the water rights change applications and work in preparation for the Barkley Directors meeting. The prep work paid off and the Barkley Directors signed off on TU's approach to processing the application and TU submitted the executed documents to the DOE in October! This was a critical step and good to have in the hopper at DOE. November is slated for Wilson, Wilson, Wilson. (See agenda item VII above for discussion of property appraisal).
- K. **602-33 - Entiat Enlow Flood Plain Protection Acquisition** (J. Cram) – Cram reported that there is nothing for certain yet but the house moving company is working on another house right now. In an email dated October 5, 2015 Cram reported David Morgan and Mike Cushman have identified 4 interested parties, including 3 in the Entiat Valley and 1 in the Methow (Carlton Complex Longterm Recovery Group). The CDLT will continue to work with folks to identify their ability to commit, timeline, and other details. Because of the difficulty of pouring a foundation in November, we may be looking at moving the house in spring. To summarize, there is one potential donation pathway, 3 interested private parties, and they are still looking into contractor willingness to move the house to one of the former Bremer parcels for resale. The 2 story part on the house may not be able to be moved. The \$100,000 we committed would still go towards removal of the septic and demo of the 2 story part.
- L. **602-34 – Buckley II Acquisition** (K. Terrell) – The appraisal is being done.
- M. **602-35 – 1890s Side Channel Restoration Effectiveness Monitoring Project** (L. Carlson) – Nothing too much being done on this at this time. New people again working on this project.
- N. **603-31H – Bonaparte Creek Discharge Monitoring** (C. Fisher) – Duvall reported the contract was in the signing process and should be completed soon.
- XV. **Next Meeting:** December 10, 2015 – cancelled. Next meeting January 7, 2016. The Committee would like to discuss the appraisals to be received at the end of the conference call on November 30th. Denny will coordinate a joint meeting with Tracy Hillman with HCP on November 30th.

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