



PRCC Habitat Subcommittee

FINAL APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, Nov 10, 2016

1:00 pm

Grant PUD Wenatchee Office

PRCC Habitat Subcommittee Members

Kate Terrell, USFWS

Dave Duvall, GCPUD

Justin Yeager, Dale Bambrick (alt), NMFS

Jeremy Cram, Carmen Andonaegui (alt), WDFW

Denny Rohr, D. Rohr & Assoc, Facilitator

Chris Fisher, CCT

Lee Carlson, YN

Carl Merkle, CTUIR

Meeting Attendees

Kate Terrell, USFWS

Deanne Pavlik-Kunkel, GPUD

Justin Yeager, NMFS

Denny Rohr, D. Rohr & Associates

Chris Fisher, CCT

Lee Carlson, YN

Erin McIntyre, Grant PUD (Via Phone)

Larry Rees, Cascade Chelan Appraisal Co.

11:00 am – Joint Meeting of the PRCC Habitat SC with the HCP Tributary Committee for discussion with Aaron Penvose, Trout Unlimited, regarding the Barkley Irrigation Company Permanent Point of Diversion Change and the Building of a Pressurized Irrigation System --

Penvose described the history of the project and the purpose of building a pressurized irrigation system including benefits for fish and related activities by getting large equipment operations removed from the river plus an increasing of flows. Penvose commented that Barkley had recently hired a consulting company to evaluate the final O&M costs of the system to be built, and the result was a higher estimate than anticipated and beyond the level that Barkley was willing to cover. Accordingly, any construction activities scheduled to take place have stopped. Penvose commented that he is working with all parties involved, including MVID, and is optimistic about finding a solution. Several entities, including the PRCC Habitat SC, have been involved in design funding, and approximately \$500,000 has been invested in total to date. Penvose stated that he feels he will have additional information soon and is hoping to meet again with the PRCC Habitat SC (and the HCP Tributary Committee) sometime in December or after the first of the year. After discussion, the Habitat SC members concluded that they look forward to hearing more from Penvose when information becomes available.

Meeting Minutes

- I. **Agenda Review**
- II. **Action Items Review from September 8, 2016 Meeting; from September 21, 2016 Conference Call (D. Rohr)** –All action items were either completed or discussed further during today's meeting.
- III. **Approval of Minutes for September 8, 2016 Meeting and September 21, 2016 Conference Call (D. Rohr)** – Approved
- IV. **Habitat Funds and NNI Report through 2nd Quarter 2016 (D. Rohr)** – Reviewed by HSC
- V. **Update: Silver Side Channel Acquisition / Appraisal Activities (D. Duvall)** – Larry Rees, Cascade Chelan Appraisal Co., joined the meeting for discussion of the completed appraisal of this acquisition proposal. Committee members were surprised at how high the resulting appraisal was, and they had requested Rees join the meeting for discussion. Rees explained in detail how he arrived at the appraised amount, plus he also stated he had found an error in the appraisal which would lower the amount by approximately \$100,000. In conclusion, all agreed that a corrected appraisal should be completed, and Rees stated he would take care of that action and send another copy right away of the appraisal with the corrected appraisal figure included. Additionally, the HSC members discussed and concluded that they would like to have an appraisal review done, and Rohr was directed to contact Duvall and get that process started.
- VI. **Update Review of Upper Beaver Creek Property Acquisition (Parks-Goodman) (C. Fisher)** –
The HSC at their September 8th meeting discussed several potential options regarding the proposal and the acreage and dollar figures involved with this proposal. During their September 8th discussion, the HSC concluded to offer \$150,000 for 9.5 acres involved. Chris Fisher agreed to talk further with Chris Johnson and to make the offer. Accordingly, information obtained from Johnson and which was discussed today centered on the proposal now being \$160,000, but there was confusion as to the amount of acreage involved. Fisher agreed to talk with Johnson to obtain some clarity of the current offer, and the proposal will continue to be discussed after clarity has been received.
- VII. **Review of Newby Narrows Activities (L. Carlson)** – Carlson stated he is still working on this subject, which has been described and discussed during previous HSC meetings, and he will keep the HSC advised when new information becomes available.
- VIII. **Amendment to Entiat Bremer Acquisition HFA #602-10 -- Entiat Stillwaters Upland Lot Sales and Purchase of Replacement with Riparian Properties (K. Terrell)** - During the July HSC meeting, Mickey Fleming/CDLT had requested HSC funding to help with expenses involved in the process of completing some land trading involving projects previously funded for acquisition by the SRFB. It was explained that SRFB would not fund these types of

activities. Fleming was suggesting funds be made available from the dollars being returned to the HSC from the sales of property involved in the HSC funded Bremer Acquisition. During the July meeting, the HSC agreed to provide approximately \$12,000 toward the expenses involved. Subsequently, in a Spec Sheet from Fleming dated September 12, 2016, that was to provide details of the expenses involved, Fleming requested an increased funding amount of \$31,840. The HSC discussed the new request but declined to approve it and stated they would remain with the approximately \$12,000 approved in July. Rohr will contact Fleming and explain the decision of the HSC.

Project Updates

- A. McIntyre Dam – Improving Fish Jumping Efficiency (Placeholder for 2016 Activities) (C. Fisher)
- B. Shuttleworth Creek Projects (C. Fisher) Annual reports coming in December.
 - 1. Water Diversion and Well Drilling
 - 2. Removal of Allendale and Clark Meadows Dams
- C. Roaring Creek Flow Restoration and Diversion Removal Project (K. Terrell) -No report from Penvose. Finishing going to construction hopefully before the next irrigation season.
- D. Icicle Creek Boulder Field PIT Tag Array (J. Cram) – No new information as Cram was not present at the meeting.
- E. Trout Unlimited – Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project, Phase II (J. Cram) – No new information.
- F. MVID – Methow Valley Irrigation District (K. Terrell) Ongoing and near completion.
- G. Silver Side Channel PIT Tag Array (J. Cram) – No new information.
- H. Barkley Irrigation Company Permanent Point of Diversion (July 12, 2012) plus 2015/16 O&M Funding (May 14, 2015) - (J. Yeager)- See discussion above
 - 1. Temporary Pump Station
 - 2. Permanent Pump Station (Wilson Acquisition)
- I. Entiat Enlow Flood Plain Protection Acquisition - Update of moving house (J. Cram) – Ongoing and no new information.
- J. Stormy Creek Fish Passage Project (K. Terrell)- The size of the bridge would have special needs.

Next Meeting: December 8, 2016, 1:00 pm, Grant PUD Wenatchee

Action items from November 16, 2016 HSC Meeting:

- 1. Rohr will talk with Duvall about process and moving forward to get an appraisal review of the Silverside Channel Acquisition Proposal.
- 2. Fisher to talk with Chris Johnson regarding need get clarity of the acreage and dollar amount involved with Parks-Goodman proposal.
- 3. Rohr to contact Fleming regarding the HSC decision associated with the Bremer Property and HFA #602-10.