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PRCC Habitat Subcommittee

FINAL APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 09, 2017

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, YN

Carl Merkle, CTUIR

Erin McIntyre, GCPUD, Admin Assistant

Meeting Attendees

Chris Fisher, CCT

Dave Duvall, GCPUD

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Jeremy Cram, WDFW

Denny Rohr, D. Rohr & Assoc, Facilitator

Brandon Rogers, YN

Erin McIntyre, GCPUD, Admin Assistant

Pat Wyena, Wanapum (by phone)

Kate Terrell, USFWS

Meeting Minutes

✓ Safety Briefing – Dave Duvall

I. **Agenda Review-**

Fisher added: - ONA is still considering a fourth spawning bed in the Penticton Channel; HSC needs to see performance and results of previous projects before committing to the fourth spawning platform. ONA to provide report at the end of the year.

Fisher added – Reported that ONA is making progress on re-introducing sockeye to Okanagan Lake. Juvenile sockeye fry have been released for ceremonial and production purposes but the provincial government is still reluctant to proceed even though the Department of Fisheries and Oceans has approved continued releases. Fisher will continue to monitor and keep HSC advised.

II. **Approval of Minutes for September 14, 2017; October 10, 2017 (D. Rohr) - Completed**

III. **Action Items Review from October 10, 2017 Meeting (D. Rohr) –**

1. Duvall to follow up with expanding list of primary appraisers – completed.

2. Rohr to contact Steve Kolk regarding HSC position regarding Middle Entiat Project - completed.

- IV. **Habitat Funds and NNI Report for Q3, 2017** (D. Rohr) – Rohr distributed copies to HSC members. NNI Funding for the end of Q3 2017 - Fund 601 – \$6.6 Million, Fund 602 - \$6.2 Million, Fund 603 - \$2.2 Million, total of \$11,228,942.
- V. **Update: Silver Side Channel Acquisition Activities** (K. Terrell) –Currently on hold with Chris Johnson is still pursuing options; HSC imposed an internal deadline of 1/1/2018.
- VI. **DECISIONS - Cascade Orchards Icicle Creek (COIC) Flow Restoration Project** (D. Duvall, D. Rohr) – The HSC approved the project proposal on May 10th. However, during contract development several questions and issues arose, resulting in the contract being rejected as written. The Project Proposal spec sheet was next revised, with Anchor OEA to be the contractor; and after consideration, the HSC approved the new Project Proposal spec sheet of Oct. 19th via email vote on October 26th, subject to the May 10th decision being rescinded. **Decision-The HSC approved the new COIC Project Proposal on Oct. 19th and rescinded the May 10th vote of the same project.**
 - A. Rescission of May 10, 2017 Proposal - **approved**
 - B. Affirm Email Vote of October 26th Approving October 19 Revised Proposal - **approved**.
Duvall will respond with any changes, edits and move forward with contracting as soon as possible.
- VII. **Discussion: Contracting, Liability, Indemnification Activities** (D. Duvall) – Duvall shared that when Washington Water Trust was unable to sign the contract pertaining to the COIC Flow Restoration Project (discussed above), and instead proposed contract language that put Grant PUD at too much risk to move forward on the project by refusing to indemnify Grant PUD, this event led Grant PUD to re-evaluate the risk associated with habitat funding agreements and to insert new contract language addressing contractor insurance requirements. Duvall also reported that there are new Risk Assessment staff employed at Grant PUD that will be reviewing these projects with increased scrutiny. In order to transition into the new review process, Duvall was tasked by Grant PUD with putting together a matrix based on past projects that helps identify project type that will help determine the risk and insurance requirements needed by sponsors in the future. Rohr will leave this subject on the agenda as a place holder for updates and discussion of further developments.
- VIII. **Review of Primary Appraiser Activities** (D. Duvall, D. Rohr) – As requested by the HSC, Duvall presented a spec sheet from Pacific Appraisal Associates (PAA) for the committee to review. One of the biggest changes from the existing contract with Rees was the increase of the PAA daily rate from \$600 to \$1200. When Duvall asked the reason for the higher daily rate, the response back was PPA has additional resources that should reduce the amount of time to develop appraisals. After discussion, it was decided to continue moving ahead with securing other appraiser options. **Decision - Duvall and Rohr to work on getting a second Primary appraiser for HSC use.**
- IX. **Update Activities**

- A. Review of Land Acquisitions Contract 602-25H – Duvall reported that there is about \$7000 remaining in the existing contract with Rees. Duvall and Rohr will continue working on getting an additional appraiser.
 - B. McIntyre Dam Fish Passage Monitoring (C. Fisher) - Fisher related that ONA is looking to continue monitoring fish passage at McIntyre Dam, and he discussed the memo he sent to the HSC on October 25th. After HSC discussion of potential project options, it was decided a memo would be drafted and sent to ONA with suggestions for the project spec sheet prior to their submitting a request for funding.
- X. Potpourri (D. Rohr) – no new updates

Project Updates

- A. **McIntyre Dam – Improving Fish Jumping Efficiency** (Placeholder for 2017 Projects) (C. Fisher) – (See Discussion Above)
- B. **Shuttleworth Creek Projects** (C. Fisher) – No new updates.
- C. **Roaring Creek Flow Restoration and Diversion Removal Project** (K. Terrell) – All agreements signed, construction will start spring of 2018.
- D. **Icicle Creek Boulder Field PIT Tag Array** (J. Cram)-Nothing to report, adult steelhead returns were low this year.
- E. **Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project, Phase II** (J. Cram) –No update.
- F. **MVID – Methow Valley Irrigation District** (K. Terrell) – Done – (Rohr to remove from Project Update list.
- G. **Silver Side Channel PIT Tag Array** (J. Cram)- During fall shocking session the crew captured and tagged about the same number of juveniles as were caught and tagged last year. Cram will provide a summary in 2018. **Barkley Irrigation Company Permanent Point of Diversion** (July 12, 2012) plus 2015/16 O&M Funding (May 14, 2015) - (J. Yeager) – Funding is being assessed, should start construction next summer.
- H. **Stormy Creek Fish Passage Project** (K. Terrell) –Construction was recently completed.
- I. **Skaha Dam Fish Passage Project** (C. Fisher) – ONA will provide a report in December.
- J. **Cascade Orchards Icicle Creek Flow Restoration Project** (J. Yeager, D. Duvall)-Discussed above.
- K. **Wenatchee Basin Barrier and Diversion Inventory Proposal – CCFEG** (K. Terrell) – Finished up field work and RTT doing bio strategy. Report being finalized.

Next Meeting - (TBD) Thursday, December 14, 2017, 1:00 pm, Grant PUD Wenatchee Office – Cancelled with the agreement to hold the date in case a conference call is needed.

Action Items from November 9, 2017 HSC Meeting:

1. Fisher will continue to monitor re-introduction of sockeye into Lake Okanogan.
2. Monitoring will continue for the Silver Side Channel Acquisition activities.
3. Contracting, Liability, Indemnification will be left on meeting agendas for continued review and update information.
4. Duvall and Rohr will continue working on securing a second Primary Appraiser for HSC use.

5. Fisher will take first cut at drafting a memo to ONA regarding options regarding McIntyre Dam and fish passage efficiency, and the memo will be sent to ONA prior to their submitting a project spec sheet to request funding.