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PRCC Habitat Subcommittee
CONFERENCE CALL

FINAL APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 10, 2017

(Note Date Change)

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

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AGENDA

- I. **Agenda Review** – No new additions.
- II. **Approval of Minutes for September 14, 2017 Conference Call Meeting (D. Rohr)** – Rohr will send them out shortly and follow up with an email vote.
- III. **Action Items Review from September 14, 2017 Meeting (D. Rohr)** – Completed
- IV. **Habitat Funds and NNI Report for 2017 (D. Rohr)**
 - A. Q2, No new update information
 - B. Carlson found an error in the second quarter Funding Report that was corrected by McIntyre and Duvall.

- V. **Update: Silver Side Channel Acquisition Activities (K. Terrell, D. Duvall)** – Chris Johnson still talking to seller with number of acres under discussion. Committee agreed to allow Johnson to continue with negotiations. Duvall discussed appraisal time lines with appraiser Larry Rees. According to Rees, appraisals generally are good for 6 months to 1.5 years, depending on a variety of factors. Rates have been increasing annually about 10%. If the number of acres for this project does change, the appraisal can be re-adjusted taking the change into account without having to do a full appraisal and saving some money on costs. Banks may require more current appraisals but generally there are no hard and fast rules when it comes to appraisal time lines.
- VI. **Update - Icicle-Wenatchee Confluence Flood Plain Phase 1 Proposal (J. Yeager, D. Duvall)** – Yeager reported CDLT has withdrawn the proposed spec sheet application. They decided not to pursue appraising this project because the land owner's minimum price is considered to be beyond CDLT's ability to obtain funding for the property. Duvall confirmed with Fleming, CDLT, the appraisal is off the table, but there is still \$5000 approved for project development to which CDLT can invoice as needed. Yeager thanked the committee members for their good work on the project. **Action: Remove this from future agendas.**
- VII. **Update - Cascade Orchards Icicle Creek Flow Restoration Project (D. Duvall, J. Yeager)** – Duvall reported that after working on contract development with Washington Water Trust (WWT), Grant PUD determined the risk was too high to contract with them as WWT couldn't indemnify Grant PUD in the event of a mishap during the project. The PRCCHSC raised a few questions about what has changed, if anything, and Duvall reported that an internal meeting with Grant PUD staff was scheduled to discuss more details. Committee members questioned why Grant PUD was so involved with contracting when the funds are technically in possession of the PRCCHSC, to which Duvall responded that Grant PUD has always carried the contracts with project sponsors since the beginning but is open to looking at other options in the future if it meets the needs of the PRCCHSC. **Action: Add to next meeting agenda for discussion.**
- VIII. **Review of Primary Appraiser Activities (D. Duvall, D. Rohr)** - The PRCCHSC concluded at the September 14th meeting that it would be a good idea to have additional appraisers available in the event that Larry Rees was unavailable in the future when an appraisal request was needed. As an action item by the PRCCHSC, Duvall made several inquiries and Pacific Appraisal Associates was highly recommended. After some discussion, it was decided to have a second primary appraiser (along with our review appraiser) available, in addition to the primary appraiser (Rees) that is already on contract. The PRCCHSC decided to have Duvall contact Pacific Appraisal Associates to check on interest and if so, prepare a spec sheet for the PRCCHSC to review at the next meeting. **Action: Duvall to contact Pacific Appraisal Associates to determine interest and if warranted, bring a spec sheet to the next meeting for review.**
- IX. **Middle Entiat Check-In -- Steve Kolk Memo (D. Rohr)** – Rohr sent the PRCCHSC an email he had received from Kolk on the Middle Entiat Project, which appears to need additional funds to complete. After some discussion, the PRCCHSC decided that if additional funding is

needed, the formal process should be followed and a spec sheet for our review and consideration should be submitted. **Action: Rohr will contact Kolk regarding committee discussion.**

- X. **Potpourri (D. Rohr)** - Fisher reported that the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) in Canada has recently permitted the future release of sockeye fry into Lake Okanagan. This has been a controversial topic and the adults and fry released to date have all been ceremonial releases, without the consent of the provincial government (FLNRO). **Action: Fisher will continue to monitor the ongoing discussions and activities, and the HSC will discuss further at the next meeting of November 9th.**

Project Updates

- A. McIntyre Dam – Improving Fish Jumping Efficiency (Placeholder for 2017 Activities) (C. Fisher)
 - B. Shuttleworth Creek Projects (C. Fisher)
 - 1. Removal of Allendale and Clark Meadows Dams
 - C. Roaring Creek Flow Restoration and Diversion Removal Project (K. Terrell) – No update.
 - D. Icicle Creek Boulder Field PIT Tag Array (J. Cram)
 - E. Trout Unlimited – Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project, Phase II (J. Cram)
 - F. MVID – Methow Valley Irrigation District (K. Terrell)
 - G. Silver Side Channel PIT Tag Array (J. Cram)
 - H. Barkley Irrigation Company Permanent Point of Diversion (July 12, 2012) plus 2015/16 O&M Funding (May 14, 2015) - (J. Yeager)
 - I. Entiat Enlow Flood Plain Protection Acquisition - Update of house moving (J. Cram) – Completed. **Action: Remove from agenda.**
 - J. Stormy Creek Fish Passage Project (K. Terrell)
 - K. Skaha Dam Fish Passage Project (C. Fisher)
 - L. Cascade Orchards Icicle Creek Flow Restoration Project (J. Yeager)
 - M. Icicle-Wenatchee Confluence Flood Plain Phase 1 Proposal – Appraisal (J. Yeager) **Action: Proposal withdrawn by CDLT, remove from agenda, see discussion at VI above.**
 - N. Wenatchee Basin Barrier and Diversion Inventory Proposal – CCFEG (K. Terrell)
- XI. **Next Meeting:** Thursday, November 9, 2017, 1:00 pm, Grant PUD Wenatchee Office