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PRCC Habitat Subcommittee

FINAL APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 12, 2017

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

Jeremy Cram, WDFW

Denny Rohr, D. Rohr & Associates

Justin Yeager, NMFS

Lee Carlson, YN

Erin McIntyre, Grant PUD

Dave Duvall, Grant PUD

Decisions Made in January 12, 2017 Meeting:

1. HSC decided to monitor the situation further regarding CDLT and the question of liability on restoration projects
2. HSC decided that appraisals funded through the HSC needs to be approved in advance before being distributed to outside groups and will be reviewed on a case by case situation. The HSC did approve the Silver Side Channel appraisal to be sent to Methow Salmon Recovery Foundation. Duvall to contact Rees to inform the request was approved by the HSC.
3. HSC affirmed the approval of up to \$10,000 from Habitat Fund 602 for appraisal work by Walters. Duvall to distribute the completed spec sheet.
4. Duvall to continue contract management in current fashion; closing out contracts as needed and updating the HSC periodically and managing project summary spreadsheet.
5. Regarding Bremer Property Activities, the HSC requested CDLT submit a new spec sheet with a listing of the expenses involved regarding the approved funding of \$12,000. Duvall to check whether it would be more feasible to amend the existing Bremer contract or develop a new one.

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- I. **Agenda Review** –Nothing added
- II. **Approval of Minutes from December 8, 2016 Meeting (D. Rohr)** –Under development.
- III. **Action Items Review from December 8, 2016 Meeting (D. Rohr)** – Action Items were completed or discussed during today's meeting.
- IV. **Habitat Funds and NNI Report for 2016 (D. Rohr)** – Fourth quarter report to be completed in early 2017 and submitted to the HSC at that time. On February 15, 2017, the new deposits will be made to each respective habitat account.
- V. **Update: Silver Side Channel Acquisition and Review Appraisal Activities (D. Duvall)** – HSC discussed the ongoing action of the Silver Side Channel appraisal. Due to the higher than expected appraisal value, a review appraisal has been approved and no action will be considered until after the review appraisal is completed. Currently waiting on Walters to provide rate schedule so that it can be included in the spec sheet. Once completed the spec sheet will go to the HSC for review and approval, after which the contract can be developed. Various cost scenarios for the acquisition were discussed, based on the current value of appraisal, with potential contributions coming from SRFB, Tributary Committee, and HSC funding.
- VI. **Review of Newby Narrows Activities (L. Carlson)** – Carlson to provide additional information as it becomes available.
- VII. **Discussion of Releasing Property Acquisition Appraisals Upon Request (All)** - The HSC discussed the process of relinquishing appraisals funded by the HSC to outside groups. It was decided that each request needs to be approved on a case by case review. These situations will likely be very infrequent. Carlson suggested that the HSC seek legal counsel from Grant PUD on a disclaimer for relinquishing appraisals. Action Item for Duvall and Rohr.
- VIII. **Affirmation of Establishing \$10,000 Funding Account for Review Appraisals (D. Rohr)** - The HSC re-affirmed allocating up to \$10,000 from Habitat Fund 602 for a second appraiser to be on contract.
- IX. **Discussion of Middle Entiat Projects and BPA Funding (All)** – Duvall and Rohr had a recent conference call with Cram to discuss the presentation by Joe Conner, BPA, that occurred during the December Tributary Committee meeting regarding CD Land Trust and the question of liability involved when restoration activities were occurring. Many options were discussed on how to best proceed. After discussion, it was decided to monitor the situation further before making any decisions.
- X. **Spring Tour – Viewing of CE Projects (plus others) (All)** - During the December HSC meeting and discussion of the Parks property, Yeager expressed interest in touring some of the HSC funded projects involved with conservation easements. After discussion the HSC

requested Rohr coordinate this activity with Hillman and provide a list of applicable projects for the tour.

XI. **UPDATES:**

- A. Bremer Property Activities – As discussed in previous HSC meetings (see December 8, 2017 meeting minutes), the HSC approved funding \$12,000 for expenses related to the sale of nearby SRFB properties. Duvall to check whether it will be easier to amend the Bremer contract or close Bremer and develop a new contract.
- B. Amendment to Entiat Bremer Acquisition HFA #602-10 -- Entiat Stillwaters Upland Lot Sales and Purchase of Replacement with Riparian Properties - HSC discussion continued and action was taken during the December 8, 2017 meeting. Today the HSC requested a new spec sheet be submitted by CDLT with a listing of the expenses involved regarding the approved funding of \$12,000 (See Bremer Property Activities above).
- C. Duvall requested feedback from the HSC on the process of closing out contracts. Direction from the HSC was to continue in similar fashion, closing out contracts as needed and reporting annually by updating the project summary spreadsheet.

XII. **Project Updates**

- A. **McIntyre Dam – Improving Fish Jumping Efficiency (Placeholder for 2016 Activities) (C. Fisher) – No updates.**
- B. **Shuttleworth Creek Projects (C. Fisher) – No updates.**
 - 1. **Removal of Allendale and Clark Meadows Dams (C. Fisher) – No updates.**
- C. **Roaring Creek Flow Restoration and Diversion Removal Project (K. Terrell) – TU has been working with engineering staff to complete the 100% drawings. There was a setback in December but TU is pushing to have these done in January. TU continues to work on the few remaining permits that are needed. The development of contract documents and formatting and bid specs are taking place. TU continues to work with ERV Orchards and the fish hatchery folks to get the agreement between to two finalized. It is expected that the agreement will be signed in the near future. TU keeps ERV Orchards and Roaring Creek Water Users association up to date on the project. The team is on course for a spring 2017 construction date.**
- D. **Icicle Creek Boulder Field PIT Tag Array (J. Cram) No update**
- E. **Trout Unlimited – Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project, Phase II (J. Cram) No update**
- F. **MVID – Methow Valley Irrigation District (K. Terrell) - In December TU received the E2 E5 As-Built from Lloyd Logging and was able to get this phase of the project to substantial completion. TU continues to work on the individual well project, and the team was able to get a few more items completed this past month. Decommissioning of 5 wells and the possible re-drill of a troublesome well up Poorman Creek is all that remains on the well portion of the project. Both must wait until spring to finish. A storm water runoff issue was brought to our attention around the Wright Road area south of Twisp. The storm water historically ran into the**

MVID canal and would not cause a problem, and it is in a pipe there now and nowhere for the water to go except onto the neighbor's property. TU has been working with the BOR and MVID to come up with a solution for this issue. TU is also working on the MVID final report and continues to field landowner concerns and questions along with attending the MVID monthly board meetings to resolve issues.

G. **Silver Side Channel PIT Tag Array (J. Cram)** No update

H. **Barkley Irrigation Company Permanent Point of Diversion (July 12, 2012) plus 2015/16 O&M Funding (May 14, 2015) - (J. Yeager)** – Parties met this week. After the most recent meeting, a potential agreement is getting closer to finalization. The Barkley project continued to make progress in December. TU and Barkley met on numerous occasions to sort through various alternatives of the inriver pump option. This included analysis on 4 additional options. Each option was evaluated and included construction opinions, estimated pipe alignment and sizes, pump configuration, Operation and Maintenance, and replacement scheduling. Of the four alternatives being considered one was looked at more closely by the engineers for evaluation by the group. The next meeting is scheduled for January 10th in Twisp where we are hoping to get resolution. In addition to pushing Barkley along, TU is also still negotiating with MVID on finishing their remaining portion of open ditch, which is comingled with Barkley. Because TU's contract with BPA had a sunset of December 14th, TU was able to push the negotiations farther along early in the month. TU met with MVID directors individually on several occasions and formed a special meeting with the full board. Though some progress was made and contracts were exchanged for reviews, execution of the agreement never happen before BPA and TU's agreement closed. BPA has remained positive about potential support in the future, but their funding departure still leaves the funding future uncertain. The good news is BPA has agreed to continue their permitting oversight on the project which will make life easier.

In January TU plans to continue efforts to solidify Barkley's course of action and get the MVID agreement completed. Several meetings with both entities have already been set, including a meeting with TU, MVID and Ecology in mid-January.

1. Temporary Pump Station
2. Permanent Pump Station (Wilson Acquisition)- Wilson Property to sell.

I. **Entiat Enlow Flood Plain Protection Acquisition - Update of moving house (J. Cram)** – House is done, driveway to be completed this spring.

J. **Stormy Creek Fish Passage Project (K. Terrell)** No update

XIII. **Next Meeting:** February 9, 2016, 1:00 pm, Grant PUD Wenatchee Office – A decision was made to cancel the meeting but could do a conference call if any issues arise that need attention.

Action Items for January 12, 2017 Meeting:

1. Duvall to update and distribute the project summary spreadsheet.
2. Duvall and Rohr to seek legal advice for a possible disclaimer on relinquishing appraisals.