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PRCC Habitat Subcommittee

FINAL APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 8, 2018

1:30 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, Brandon Rogers (alt), YN

Carl Merkle, CTUIR

Erin McIntyre, GCPUD, Admin Assistant

Meeting Attendees

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DECISIONS from the February 8, 2018 Meeting:

1. January 11, 2018 meeting minutes approved.
2. HSC voted to not approve the proposal of "Silver Side Channel Acquisition".
3. HSC voted to approve the proposal of "Twisp River Floodplain Lower Acquisition Phase II" for funding request of up to \$426,142 from Habitat Fund 602, subject to approval by Cram who had to leave the meeting early.
4. HSC agreed to close the following projects because of completion or lack of activity - 602-26H (Lower Nason RM 2.4), 602-28H (Newby Narrows), and 602-35H (1890s Side Channel Restoration).
5. HSC members agreed to close the existing contract with Appraiser Larry Rees, and a new contract can be developed if future appraisals are requested.

Habitat SC

Meeting Minutes

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Meeting Minutes

- I. **Agenda Review** – No additions to agenda.
- II. **Approval of Minutes for January 11, 2018 (D. Rohr)** – Approved
- III. **Action Items Review from January 11, 2018 Meeting (D. Rohr)** – Reviewed and discussed during today's meeting.
- IV. **Habitat Funds and NNI Report, Year-End 2017 (D. Rohr)** – Rohr commented that a 2017 Year-End report is expected soon. Duvall informed the HSC of the dollar amounts to be deposited into the Habitat Funds accounts, as outlined in the Salmon & Steelhead Settlement Agreement, on February 15, 2018: Fund 601 - \$657,188.14, Fund 602 - \$1,091,213.31, Fund 603 - \$389,805.87.
- V. **Review - Silver Side Channel Acquisition Activities (K. Terrell)** – Terrell informed the HSC she had received correspondence today from Project Sponsor Chris Johnson, MSRF, regarding the property owner's offer for the HSC to consider for sale of the property. Johnson's correspondence outlined that the owner has agreed to sell the lower property, including houses, outbuildings, water rights, etc. for the value determined by appraiser Rees (completed for MSRF) of \$1,265,000. Furthermore, the sale is conditioned on:
 1. They retain a right of survivorship estate until the upper hillside property is purchased;
 2. They will consent to allowing open access for monitoring and care of restored areas;
 3. They will not consent to expanded restoration actions during the period of estate;
 4. They agree to sell the upland property for the value established by appraiser Broughton (completed for WDFW) of \$860,000.

After HSC discussion, the decision was made to not approve the proposal. Rohr was directed to send a letter to Chris Johnson, as he requested, regarding the HSC decision.
- VI. **Proposal - Icicle-Peshastin Irrigation District and City of Leavenworth Fish Screens, Jenni Novak, WDFW (K. Terrell)** – As directed by the HSC during the January 11, 2018 HSC meeting, Rohr contacted Jenni Novak to give her a sense of the HSC's position regarding the proposal, including the HSC's comments regarding what might be necessary for consideration to be given in order to support this proposal plus the possibility of the Project Sponsors contributing a 25% cost share toward the project funding. Novak had requested a sense of the HSC's position as she was meeting with the City of Leavenworth on Tuesday, January 16th. During today's meeting, Terrell informed the HSC that Novak is continuing to work on possible considerations to move this proposal forward, including the consideration of IPID providing a 25% cost share in cash or in-kind services, or perhaps relinquishing 6 cfs of flow in perpetuity, and so forth. The HSC was informed that Novak is developing a new Spec Sheet for the HSC to consider that relates only to the IPID diversion with an anticipated funding request to the HSC of \$1,233,750. The total project cost is anticipated to be \$1,645,000. Additional HSC discussion took place during today's meeting, and Rohr commented that a completed spec sheet was needed for HSC members to clearly understand what is being considered and voted upon. Terrell stated there was some urgency in making a decision, and that she would be talking with Novak regarding the status of a new spec sheet for consideration. Rohr commented that once a new spec sheet is received, a conference call to discuss the new spec

sheet could be scheduled and a vote taken if HSC members agreed. HSC review and discussion will continue as new information and a new spec sheet become available.

- VII. **Proposal -- Twisp River Floodplain Lower Acquisition Phase II, Chris Johnson, MSRF (Buckley) (K. Terrell)** - Rohr commented that this proposal was received just prior to the January 11th HSC meeting, and review was to be deferred until the February meeting. Accordingly, Terrell explained the proposal and answered questions. It was noted that the appraised value (by Appraiser Rees for MSRF) was \$565,000. After discussion, the HSC approved the proposal for the funding request of up to \$426,142 from Habitat Fund 602, subject to approval by Cram who had to exit the meeting early.
- VIII. **Summary and Review of Habitat Projects Master List - (D. Duvall)** – Duvall shared the process of reviewing projects to determine close outs. Everyone agreed to close the following projects because of completion or lack of activity. **602-26H (Lower Nason RM 2.4), 602-28H (Newby Narrows), and 602-35H (1890s Side Channel Restoration)**. Terrell was going to confirm about closing **602-36H (Barkley-Wilson Acquisition) and 603-29H (Leavenworth NFH Groundwater Investigations)**. Cram was going to confirm closing **602-33H (Entiat Enlow Floodplain Protection)**. Duvall was going to confirm closing **602-37H (Stormy Creek)**.
- IX. **Potpourri (D. Rohr)**
- A. Update - Contracting, Liability, Indemnification Activities (D. Duvall) – Duvall stated that work continues within Grant and he will keep the HSC updated as new information becomes available.
 - B. Update – Memo to K. Alex Regarding Interest in Monitoring Fish Migration Success at McIntyre Dam (C. Fisher) – Fisher stated that he expects to hear something prior to the next meeting in February.
 - C. HSC members today asked about the status of the new contract with Pacific Appraiser Associates. Duvall commented that a new contract for \$25,000, as previously approved by HSC members, was being completed. HSC members also concluded the existing contract with Appraiser Larry Rees should be closed, and a new contract can be developed if future appraisals are requested.

Project Updates

- A. McIntyre Dam - Fish Passage Efficiency (C. Fisher) – See discussion under IX(B) above.
- B. Shuttleworth Creek Projects (C. Fisher) – No updates.
- C. Roaring Creek Flow Restoration and Diversion Removal Project (K. Terrell) – Hope is to be done by the end of spring. Roaring Creek is going to be completed this year and TU is currently working to wrap final contracting docs. The project will start the bid process in February, with a goal of selecting a contractor and awarding in mid-March. We plan to conduct a final outreach effort in the neighborhood in February and secure the final access agreement in February. The designs are wrapping up and our tertiary review with consultation with an outside electrical consultant has been proved a quality project.
- D. Icicle Creek Boulder Field PIT Tag Array (J. Cram) No updates.

- E. Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project, Phase II (J. Cram) - There are some issues taking place with this project, including possible water rights issues. The proposal was first agreed upon in 2014. They have spent \$107,000 out of the HSC approved \$456,000. Committee members discussed the details of the contract language. The HSC concluded that an update from Trout Unlimited is needed prior to deciding how to move forward with this project. HSC understanding is that this project remains on hold while the Jones Shotwell Ditch Company Board of Directors conducts an internal water rights evaluation. Rohr will work with Terrell to schedule Trout Unlimited for the March meeting to provide an update. Rohr will explain the HSC's discussion and conclusion with Fisher and Cram who have not yet joined the meeting.
- F. MVID – Methow Valley Irrigation District (K. Terrell) – This project is nearly completed.
- G. Silver Side Channel PIT Tag Array (J. Cram) – No updates.
- H. Barkley Irrigation Company Permanent Point of Diversion (July 12, 2012) plus 2015/16 O&M Funding (May 14, 2015) - (J. Yeager) – Moving forward. The work continued to ramp up on the Barkley Project this month with continuous efforts by TU staff to push the project towards the construction phase. We made some progress on the easement procurement and consistently pushed to move the designs forward. We made a dent in the funding as well, securing an additional 150K through an amendment with the SRFB. The cultural resource phase wrapped up and was sent off to BPA for final consultation with the SHPO. Logistics of this project continue to provide challenges, but TU remains unwavering and will continue our steadfast efforts to get the first big phase on the ground this year.
- I. Stormy Creek Fish Passage Project (K. Terrell) – Duvall spoke with Lundgren at CCFEG and plans to close the account in March 2018.
- J. Skaha Dam Fish Passage Project (C. Fisher) – No updates.
- K. Cascade Orchards Icicle Creek Flow Restoration Project (J. Yeager, D. Duvall) Duvall will send out the project updates as they become available.
- L. Wenatchee Basin Barrier and Diversion Inventory Proposal – CCFEG (K. Terrell) – No updates.

Next Meeting – (TO BE DISCUSSED / Possible ONA Meeting Conflict) – HSC agreed to reschedule the March meeting to Tuesday, March 6, 2018, 1:00 pm (NOTE: start time was changed to 9:30 am post-meeting), Grant PUD Wenatchee Office

Action Items from February 8, 2018 Meeting:

1. Terrell and Rohr will coordinate with Rohr to schedule Trout Unlimited for the March meeting to provide an update of the Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project, Phase II.
2. Duvall spoke with Lundgren at CCFEG and plans to close the account in March 2018.
3. Rohr will coordinate with the HCP Tributary Committees' chair regarding changes with the March meeting schedule.