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PRCC Habitat Subcommittee
FINAL APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 8, 2016

1:00 pm

Conference Call

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 (on phone)

Kate Terrell, USFWS

Deanne Pavlik-Kunkel, GPUD

Jeremy Cram, WDFW

Denny Rohr, D. Rohr & Associates

Chris Fisher, CCT

Erin McIntyre, Grant PUD

Dave Duvall, Grant PUD

Decisions Made in November 10, 2016 Meeting:

1. Second Appraiser: The HSC approved allocating up to \$10,000 for a second appraiser, in case Rees was not available. Tom Walters was chosen though he has commented that he primarily wants to work on review appraisals, not primary appraisals. Duvall to develop a spec sheet and distribute to the HSC for review and approval.
2. The HSC rejected the proposal for the Upper Beaver Creek acquisition.

Draft Meeting Minutes

- I. **Agenda Review-** Nothing added
- II. **Approval of Minutes from November 11, 216 Meeting (D. Rohr)** – Meeting minutes under development.

- III. **Action Items Review from November 10, 2016 Meeting (D. Rohr)** – Action items were completed and/or discussed during today’s meeting.
- IV. **Habitat Funds and NNI Report through 3rd Quarter 2016(D. Rohr)** – The habitat funding report for the third quarter was submitted by Rohr to the HSC. The fourth quarter report will be available in early 2017 with new funds transferred into respective habitat accounts on February 15, 2017.
- V. **Update: Silver Side Channel Acquisition and Review Appraisal Activities (D. Duvall)** – A review appraisal was requested on the Silver Side Channel property by the HSC after reviewing the primary appraisal completed by Rees. The HSC approved up to \$10,000 to develop a contract for a second appraiser. Duvall will develop a spec sheet and distribute to the HSC for their review and approval.
- VI. **Update Review of Upper Beaver Creek Property Acquisition (Parks-Goodman) (C. Fisher)** – After discussing the details of the Upper Beaver Creek property, including the offer of \$160K for 20 acres, along with several different options, the HSC ultimately rejected the proposal as outlined.
- VII. **Review of Newby Narrows Activities (L. Carlson)** – No updates.
- VIII. **UPDATE:**
 - A. **Bremer Property Activities**

This subject was discussed and action taken by the HSC during the November 10th meeting clarifying the July HSC meeting discussion which was to approve the use of approximately \$12,000 from funds returned from the Bremer Acquisition for expenses related to the sale of nearby SRFB properties. A question had come up regarding the dollar amount approved by the HSC to be used for the expenses and the HSC provided clarification.
 - B. **Amendment to Entiat Bremer Acquisition HFA #602-10 -- Entiat Stillwaters Upland Lot Sales and Purchase of Replacement with Riparian Properties** – The HSC discussed this proposal during the November 10th HSC meeting. This proposal included a request to increase the funding amount described above under Bremer Property Activities from approximately \$12,000 to \$31,840. After discussion, the HSC rejected the request. Rohr will discuss the decision with CDLT.

Project Updates

- A. **McIntyre Dam – Improving Fish Jumping Efficiency (Placeholder for 2016 Activities) (C. Fisher)**- July to November 2016 – Reviewed video of fish jumping at gate settings of 2 cms through gates 1 and 4 and gate 5 closed. DVR data was only reviewed for periods where none of the gates allowed fish to swim straight up the gates without requiring a jump. The high water in 2016 created issues in ideal gate settings during peak spawning times, however, fish were able to swim straight up the gates during high water levels when the gates were left fully open. As a temporary measure gate 5 was opened to allow excess water to flow through this gate rather than have gates two and three fully open. Flows were so high during these periods that it would have allowed fish to freely move through the overshot gates without jumping out of the water. Higher than predicted numbers of sockeye returned during the spawning season. Next

steps: ONA monitored the fish jumping efficiency if the water temperatures are substantially reduced. Report delayed until end of 2016 migration is monitored.

B. Shuttleworth Creek Projects (C. Fisher)

1. Removal of Allendale and Clark Meadows Dams. No update.

C. Roaring Creek Flow Restoration and Diversion Removal Project (K. Terrell) – TU has made good progress in November on the Roaring Creek project. TU's engineer has stepped up and has been pushing hard, at the end of November he sent out the 90% design drawing for review. With the review completed we should see the 100% designs by the second week of December. Chelan County PUD has completed the design for both pump station line extension and they have been incorporated into the drawings. The needed permits have been review and change as needed and await the 100% design for submittal to Chelan County. In addition the overall budget for this project has been updated to reflect the changes that have been made to the drawings along with the review of the bid documents.

TU has kept RCUWA board directors along with the manager of ERV orchards up to date on the progress of the project and are very happy with the progress TU has been making.

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) – This project is on hold while the Jones Shotwell Ditch Company conducts an internal water rights assessment.

F. MVID – Methow Valley Irrigation District (K. Terrell) –In November TU has been working on cleaning up the few remaining issues that seemed to be lingering. TU's construction manager has been pushing the contractors hard to get these last few items checked off before the winter snows settle in the Methow valley

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) –This month was difficult as the Barkley project as originally conceived has lost momentum. TU and their partners have begun analyzing alternative options. TU met with several funders on the project to update them on recent developments and accept feedback. Moving forward in an effort to prevent issues with long-term O and M costs, TU and Barkley are assessing the various options with and O and M considerations straight away. This analysis should be done in early December at which time we will reconvene the executive team meeting and asses the various costs. Concurrently TU is working to secure agreement between Barkley and MVID on the MVID right of way easement, shepherding the water rights and evaluating permitting changes that may be needed. We are hopeful the train will get back on track no later than the start of 2017.

1. Temporary Pump Station
2. Permanent Pump Station (Wilson Acquisition)

I. Update of moving Entiat Enlow Flood Plain Protection Acquisition house (J. Cram) – Substantially completed but with minor cleanup work ongoing.

J. Stormy Creek Fish Passage Project (K. Terrell)- No updates.

- K. **ORRI (C. Fisher)** – Fisher stated there are concerns about the previously installed spawning structures; there is not adequate flow to mobilize sediment. ONA would like to use funds unused during construction to monitor the structures for the next 5 years. In the past, the HSC has preferred funds for monitoring be requested up-front during project initiation, not after the project is completed. Without any reporting on past monitoring activities (none have been submitted to date), the HSC does not support using the funds for monitoring activities. The HSC may reconsider with compelling reasons to fund monitoring.
- L. **Next Meeting:** January 12th, 2017, 1:00 pm, Grant PUD Wenatchee

Action Items from November 10, 2016 HSC Meeting:

1. Rohr will discuss current appraisal activities with Duvall regarding follow up review appraisal for Silver Side Channel Acquisition proposal.
2. Fisher will follow up for additional information regarding Upper Beaver Creek (Parks-Goodman) Property Acquisition review.