



PRCC Habitat Subcommittee Meeting

Final Approved Meeting Minutes

Thursday March 14, 2019

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, Brandon Rogers (alt), YN

Carl Merkle, CTUIR

Erin Harris, GCPUD, Admin Assistant

Meeting Attendees

Chris Fisher, CCT

Brandon Rogers, YN

Dave Duvall, GCPUD

Jeremy Cram, WDFW

Mickey Fleming, CDLT

Hans Smith, YN

Mike McCallister, YN

Justin Yeager, NMFS

Kate Terrell, USFWS

Deanne Pavlik-Kunkel, GCPUD

Erin Harris, GCPUD

David Morgan, CDLT

Chris Clemons, YN

Denny Rohr, DRA

Decisions from March 14, 2019 Meeting

1. Agreement was reached to do away with Exhibit B and handle each Chelan Douglas Land Trust (CDLT) project development request on a case by case basis with the stewardship funding to remain at up to \$10,000.
2. Requested funding for Stormy Project Area "A" Stream & Floodplain Enhancement was approved for up to \$229,800, Fund 602, with the caveat that no money will be spent on this proposal until committee members' questions and concerns raised in agenda item VII are satisfied.
3. PRCC Habitat Subcommittee Letterhead was approved with request to include an adipose fin.

MEETING MINUTES

- I. **SAFETY REVIEW - Completed**
- II. **Agenda Review – No additions**
- III. **Approval of Minutes for February 14, 2019 (D. Rohr) - approved**
- IV. **Action Items Review from February 14, 2019 Meeting (D. Rohr)**
 1. Rohr will notify Fleming of the acceptance of the \$160,000 appraisal and request submittal of a Spec Sheet required for the Martinson Acquisition Proposal. **Completed**
 2. Rohr will include a discussion of the HSC appraisal process for the next meeting of March 14th. **Completed**
 3. Yeager will contact the contractor involved in the COIC project for discussion and clarification regarding specific concerns and report back to the HSC at the March 14th meeting. **Completed**
 4. PRCC Habitat Subcommittee letterhead will be discussed further at the March 14th meeting. **Completed**
 5. Discussion of Release of Final Appraisals will be discussed further at the March 14th meeting. **Completed**
- V. **Habitat and NNI Funds Report (D. Rohr) – Q1 is work in progress.**
- VI. **Review of CD Land Trust Funding Arrangements, M. Fleming (D. Duvall)**

- Mickey Fleming and David Morgan, CDLT, attended the meeting to discuss CDLT funding arrangements related to Habitat SC project development support as reflected in Exhibit B used in contracts with CDLT. Fleming requested the current \$5,000 for project development be changed to \$7,500 as all costs have increased since the beginning of the funding agreement in 2010. After further discussion, committee members agreed to consider the request and Fleming would be notified of their decision. Committee members continued their discussion after Fleming and Morgan left the meeting.

Agreement was reached to do away with Exhibit B and handle each project development request on a case by case basis with the stewardship funding to remain at up to \$10,000.
- VII. **UPDATE: Lower White River Floodplain (Martinson) Phase 2 – Land Acquisition (J. Yeager, D. Rohr) – Committee members addressed the land**

acquisition proposal. Concern was voiced by some regarding questions related to CDLT's involvement in the Entiat Restoration Project, plus the involvement of Cascadia Conservation District (CCD) and Cascade Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group (CCFEG). Specific details were not identified and questions remained. **Accordingly, committee members decided to continue their discussion with a conference call meeting on Wednesday, March 20, 9:00 am and invite involved parties to participate and help provide explanation and clarification.** Cram agreed to contact Fleming and Morgan and request their attendance on the call, and Rogers would contact Mike Cushman, Cascadia Conservation District (CCD), and Jason Lundgren, Cascade Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group (CCFEG), and request their attendance as well. Rohr will schedule the March 20th conference call and distribute meeting information.

- VIII. UPDATE: Icicle Peshastin Irrigation District (IPID) Diversion Fish Screen (J. Cram, K. Terrell).** Members stated the project is nearing design completion and expected to come in under the expected budget amount. A Spec Sheet for consideration is expected to be received next month.
- IX. UPDATE: City of Leavenworth Diversion Fish Screen (J. Cram, K. Terrell) -** Comment was made that funding for this project will come from another source and this project will be removed from the agenda.
- X. Cascade Orchards Icicle Creek Flow Restoration Project (COIC) (J. Yeager, D. Duvall) -** Yeager commented that the point of diversion was moved from the Wenatchee site to the Icicle Creek location due to findings of cultural artifacts in the area of the Wenatchee site. It was also noted the amount of water planned to be diverted is 8 cfs. The result is fully piping and pressurizing of the COIC diversion, decoupling it from the Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery, and placing it in the Lower Icicle Creek.
- XI. (2:30) Stormy Project Area "A" Stream & Floodplain Enhancement (B. Rogers) -** Hans Smith, Mike McCallister, and Chris Clemons attended the meeting and provided a full description of the proposal with a power point presentation. The funding request from the Habitat SC is up to \$229,800 which Smith pointed out is the same request that was made to the HCP Tributary Committees. Maps and drawings of the project were presented and reviewed, and questions posed by the committee members were answered. Committee members continued discussion after the presenters left the meeting. Concerns were again raised as outlined in agenda item VII above regarding the Martinson Land Acquisition. **Accordingly, requested funding for this proposal was approved for up to \$229,800, Fund 602, with the caveat that no money will be spent on this proposal until committee members' questions and concerns raised in agenda item VII above are satisfied.**

XII. Potpourri (D. Rohr)

- A. PRCC Habitat Subcommittee Letterhead – review. **Approved with request to include an adipose fin.**
- B. PRCC Habitat Funds Project Specification Sheet – update (placeholder)
- C. Discussion of Appraisal Process and Release of Final Appraisals (placeholder)

Project Updates

- A. **McIntyre Dam - Fish Jumping Efficiency (C. Fisher) no update**
- B. **Shuttleworth Creek Projects (C. Fisher) no update**
- C. **Icicle Creek Boulder Field PIT Tag Array (J. Cram) no update**
- D. **Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project, Phase II (J. Cram)** – After internal water rights review, this project is moving forward. More to follow.
- E. **Barkley Irrigation Company Permanent Point of Diversion (July 12, 2012) plus 2015/16 O&M Funding (May 14, 2015) - (J. Yeager)** – (TU Report) The Barkley/MVID project continues to move ahead in the positive direction. The MVID Inlet Modification Project has been at a standstill since the middle of February due to weather conditions, the concrete batch plant could not guarantee the delivery temperature that is required in the construction specs, Selland is looking at the third week in March to start things up again. The Phase 1 pre-con meeting was held on February 19th, Hurst Construction along with their sub-contractors were all present. Hurst shared their construction schedule with the group and the tree removal along the MVID ROW will be the first thing to get accomplished. Hurst began mobilization the last week of February with the tree removal starting the first week in March, they have also started organizing their staging areas and the HDPE pipe delivery. Hurst is still shooting for substantial completion June 1st. The team continues to push the easements ahead with the DOT FAA folks, the weekly calls have helped move this along a bit faster, we are hopeful we will have thumbs up from the DOT folks for the needed easements by the middle of March. TU continues to work on the Barkley/MVID pipeline easements as well but due to weather conditions not a lot has happened with them in month of February. All the wheels are on the wagon and they seemed to be running smoothly.
- F. **Skaha Dam Fish Passage Project (C. Fisher)** – no update
- G. **Cascade Orchards Icicle Creek Flow Restoration Project (J. Yeager, D. Duvall)** – see agenda discussion above.
- H. **Nason Ridge Riparian Corridor Project – Placeholder (B. Rogers)** – no update
- I. **Icicle Creek Fish Passage – Wild Fish to Wilderness (Boulder Field) Proposal (K. Terrell, D. Rohr)** – (Status of draft document - “Framework for

Coordination between Fishery Management Entities in Icicle Creek” – Nearing completion.

- J. **Additional Information:** Fisher reported that the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development has previously been hesitant about sockeye expansion into Okanagan Lake, but with the change in political leadership, they are now more supportive of this action. There are two groups of kokanee (lake shore spawners and tributary spawners) in the Okanagan Lake and one group has continually reduced in size over time. A substantial amount of habitat is available if low-head dams were removed. Funding from the Habitat SC could be considered only if access was provided. More to follow.

Next Meeting – Thursday, April 11, 2019, 1:00 pm, Grant PUD Wenatchee Office

Action Items from March 14, 2019 Meeting

1. Conference call will be scheduled for Wednesday, March 20, 9:00 am and specific parties will be invited to participate and help provide explanation and clarification.
2. Remove City of Leavenworth Diversion Fish Screen from agenda as it will receive funding from another source.

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