



Grant County
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PRCC Habitat Subcommittee

FINAL APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, July 13, 2017

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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Lee Carlson, YN (via phone)

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Justin Yeager, NMFS

Kate Terrell, USFWS

Erin McIntyre, Grant PUD (via phone)

Dave Duvall, Grant PUD

Decisions Made in July 13, 2017 Meeting:

1. Silver Side Channel Acquisition: Wait for outcome of land owner meeting with Johnson (MSRF) HSC re-affirmed the position of only paying the appraised value of this property. Contracting Retainage – HSC agreed to keep current contracting process in place with minor additions to the boiler plate contract language and anything further would be on a case by case scenario.
 - I. **Agenda Review** – No Additions
 - II. **Approval of Minutes for June 8, 2017 Meeting (D. Rohr) - APPROVED**
 - III. **Action Items Review from June 8, 2017 Meeting (D. Rohr) – Completed**
 - IV. **Habitat Funds and NNI Report for 2017 (D. Rohr) – Rohr presented Habitat funding report from the first quarter, 2017.**

- V. **(Decision) - Update: Silver Side Channel Acquisition Activities (K. Terrell, D. Duvall)** - Terrell reported a meeting set up on Monday 7/17/17 with the land owner. HSC will wait for outcome to make final decision on Silver Side Channel Acquisition. The HSC re-affirmed that **they would not offer more than the appraised value of the property.**
- VI. **(Decision) - Discussion: Retainage of Funds Pending Project Completion (D. Duvall)** - Duvall checked with staff about the potential of holding back funds on specific projects as determined by the HSC, which generated additional discussion on contract management and what the roles and expectations of the HSC, liaison, and sponsor. It was ultimately determined that the HSC would generally continue the same process for contracting projects but could add specific language to the boiler plate contract language.

Project Updates

- A. **McIntyre Dam – Improving Fish Jumping Efficiency (C. Fisher)** - Fisher provided a handout from ONA with an update from McIntyre Dam on three years of studies during years 2013, 2014 and 2015. ONA asked when results are reviewed if the HSC wants to continue with fish-jumping studies. Fisher shared information from the study on bubble penetration that has caused a migration delay. Passage efficiency at McIntyre Dam ranges 5-15% for adult sockeye. On agenda for next meeting.
- B. **Shuttleworth Creek Projects (C. Fisher)** - Fisher reported ONA is anticipating \$61,765 more of additional funds but is still \$30,000 short of completing the project. After considerable discussion on various aspects of the Shuttleworth project it was decided to be further discussed at next meeting.
- C. **Roaring Creek Flow Restoration and Diversion Removal Project (K. Terrell)** - TU is still in a holding pattern on the Roaring Creek project. Agreements between ERV Orchards and USFWS have yet to be signed and there isn't any certainty about when they will be signed. TU has been persistently pushing on the USFWS folks but has not seen the signed documents at this time. The local USFWS staff have been very supportive, but getting the regional office to sign the agreements has been challenging. In the meantime TU has been working on securing the construction access agreements from all the landowners and checking in with RCWU landowners to keep them up to date on projects status. In addition, TU is fine tuning the construction bid-documents are ready to bid Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Phase II. This project remains on hold while the Jones Shotwell Ditch Company conducts an internal water rights review.
- D. **Icicle Creek Boulder Field PIT Tag Array (J. Cram)** - Wild Fish to Wilderness
June was a fairly busy month on the Boulder Field Project. TU worked to compile JARPA permit for submittal for geotechnical explorations late summer or early fall. This work will also be used as the template for the permitting process for the larger project. TU intends to file the suite of permits for the project this fall in anticipation for fall 2018 construction. TU met with both IPID and the City of Leavenworth for sign-off on the Geotech permit and have been keeping both up to date on the project progress. TU has also worked through consultant service agreements and are still working with the Geotech consultants on the agreement,

which is hoped to be signed in July. As flows drop, TU will be looking at the calendar to complete some field visits and collect additional site data in July, August and September.

- E. **Trout Unlimited** – Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project, Phase II (J. Cram) –K. Terrell still negotiating final outcome.
- F. **MVID – Methow Valley Irrigation District (K. Terrell)** - TU continues to chip away on the remaining tasks for project completion. All but two of the non-productive wells have been decommissioned at this point. The last well in Poorman Creek area has been drilled and awaits the contractor to install the pump and controls. TU is still waiting on MVID personal to assist TU in completing the MVID owner's manual. In addition, TU has been working closely with MVID and BOR folks to pin down a solution to the Wright Road drainage issue on the lower east side project. BOR has been working on a conceptual design and cost analysis for piping surface water run off to the Methow River. TU is in holding on next steps until we see the BOR cost analyses.

TU continues to attend the monthly MVID board meeting to field any questions regarding the MVID project. Lastly TU has been working on closing out and cataloging project documents

- 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)** - Barkley: Early June was busy on Barkley as a significant amount of time was spent working on the MVID Agreement and Barkley pump site selection. The work paid off and an executed agreement from MVID and finalize site location was secured. With both MVID and Barkley agreements signed, now the relationship agreement from BIC and MVID is needed. At last report, the agreement was close to being signed. TU started working on the headworks design configuration and held several meetings with BIC/MVID to go over engineer alternatives and hone in on what the jointly managed structure would look like. As a result many of the design, management and capacity questions have been worked through in preparation for kicking of the design phase. TU is still working on the water rights change for Barkley down to MVID's diversion and completed the public notice, which will realign focus on getting the water right determinations done. The cultural contract was finished with BPA, which will start in mid-August. In July, the design work will be initiated and continue to work through the various project management details and agreements.
- I. **Entiat Enlow Flood Plain Protection Acquisition - (J. Cram)** – No update.
- J. **Stormy Creek Fish Passage Project (K. Terrell)** – Terrell reported that they should be starting construction this year.
- K. **Skaha Dam Fish Passage Project (C. Fisher)** - Fisher reported that the fishway has no hold up like last year and is ready to be modified for ONA to monitor this year.
- L. **Newby Narrows Activities (L. Carlson)** – No update.
- M. **Cascade Orchards Icicle Creek Flow Restoration Project (J. Yeager)** – Duvall is working with Washington Water Trust to develop a contract, waiting on their rate schedule to be provided.

- N. **Icicle-Wenatchee Confluence Flood Plain Phase 1 Proposal – Appraisal (J. Yeager) –**
HSC reduced the requested amount by \$5,000 and will perform appraisal with existing contract with Rees. Duvall to work with Fleming to get the signed land owner agreement.
- O. **Wenatchee Basin Barrier and Diversion Inventory Proposal – CCFEG (K. Terrell) -** Work is still in progress.

Next Meeting: August 10, 1:00 pm, Grant PUD Wenatchee Office – Conference call.

Action Items from July 13, 2017 Meeting

1. Duvall to work with Fleming to get the Signed Land Owner Agreement.