



PRCC Habitat Subcommittee Meeting

FINAL APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Thursday April 9, 2020

1:00 pm

Microsoft Teams Mtg

PRCC Habitat Subcommittee Members

Kate Terrell, USFWS

Dave Duvall, Deanne Pavlik-Kunkel (alt), GCPUD

Justin Yeager, Dale Bambrick (alt), NMFS

Jeremy Cram, Ben Truscott (alt), WDFW

Denny Rohr, D. Rohr & Assoc, Facilitator

Chris Fisher, CCT

Brandon Rogers, Hans Smith (alt), YN

Carl Merkle, CTUIR

Erin Harris, GCPUD, Admin Assistant

Meeting Attendees

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Johnny Buck, Wanapum

Decisions made during April 9, 2020 meeting

1. February 24, 2020 approved as final. (March meeting was cancelled)

MEETING MINUTES

- I. **Review of Microsoft TEAMS Program** – D. Rohr briefed the group on Grant PUD’s use of Microsoft Teams. This program will be used for meetings for the foreseeable future due to the Covid-19 issue.
- II. **Agenda Review** – D. Duvall added a contract process discussion to the agenda. C. Fisher briefly discussed a possible land purchase in Canada, including the installation of a culvert. This is an ONA project as part of the ORRI work and a

proposal is expected to be received next month. The cost is between \$70,000 - \$130,000 contingent on other funding sources, and the location is En'owkin, by Penticton, British Columbia, Canada.

III. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- A. February 24, 2020 meeting minutes were affirmed as approved by email vote.
- B. March 12, 2020 meeting was cancelled.

IV. **Action Items Review from February 24, 2020 (D. Rohr)**

- 1. Icicle-Peshastin Irrigation District Fish Screen Proposal - J. Cram will let the sponsor know of PRCC HabSC approval - **Completed**
- 2. Weyco (Weyerhaeuser) Mill Creek Land Acquisition Appraisal Activities - B. Rogers to talk with D. Rohr after he speaks with Everett White - **Completed**
- 3. D. Duvall will talk with Larry Rees once he hears back from D. Rohr regarding Everett White comments - **Completed**
- 4. B. Rogers will share committee members concerns with the Director of CDLT, Curt Soper - **Completed**
- 5. Duvall will invite CDLT to next meeting for discussion of appraisal activities – **Update discussion today**

- V. **Habitat and NNI Funds Report (D. Rohr)** – This information was previously distributed to committee members and there was no additional discussion.

VI. **Review of Weyco (Weyerhaeuser) Mill Creek Land Acquisition (J. Cram, D. Duvall)**

- A. **Appraisal activities update** – D. Duvall commented that he has been in contact with Larry Rees. Rees shared he expects to have the appraisal completed in a couple of weeks as he is currently working on jobs for Yakama Nation. He plans to have the Weyerhaeuser /Mill Creek appraisal completed and to the PRCC HabSC for the May Meeting.
- B. **Appraisal process review** – J. Cram shared with committee members that when he was asked as the project liaison to be the committee representative involved with the appraisal activities for this project, as outlined in the recently approved Appraisal Process, he was concerned about the scope of his role in the interaction. He was not clear about the expectations of what it meant to be the committee representative/project liaison and have communications with the project sponsor and appraiser. Accordingly, Cram shared that questions about the project had surfaced and he sent them to project sponsor Mickey Fleming, CDLT. Fleming answered the questions and returned the answers to Cram, and Cram shared the answers with committee members plus Larry Rees, appraiser. Cram stated the process appeared to work well. B. Rogers shared Cram's handling of the process sounded perfect as it provided good communications, we were all aware of the questions involved, and we were kept informed. Rogers commented that he had discussed the recently

approved Appraisal Process with Curt Soper, CDLT, and Soper had no additional questions. Due to the current Covid-19 virus issue, committee members tabled the discussion of inviting Mickey Fleming, CDLT, to a future meeting to discuss the appraisal process.

VII. Review and Update of List of Appraisers (D. Rohr) B. Rogers sent Rohr the names of appraisers that are on the Yakama Nation appraiser list. It was also noted that Kirk Dosser, Pacific Appraisal Associates, is still under contract for HabSC appraising activities, but currently we are without a review appraiser since Tom Walters has retired. Rogers shared that the Yakama Nation does not use a review appraiser, and Terrell shared USFWS does not as well. Committee members discussed the question of needing a review appraiser, plus could one be enlisted if committee members felt it was needed. After continued discussion, committee members requested Duvall and Rohr gain more information on the duties of a review appraiser and the subject will be discussed further in the May meeting. Additionally, Duvall will follow up with Tom Walter as to his availability, and Rohr will follow up on possible additional appraisers.

VIII. Status Update and Review -- Barkley Irrigation Co Permanent Point of Diversion – Completing Implementation of the Permanent Solution (J. Yeager, D. Rohr)

A. J. Yeager reported that the \$400,000 funding request to the Washington Department of Ecology was denied. J. Yeager shared NMFS is working with Chelan River Fishery Forum regarding an additional \$300,000 of funding. Additionally, he will follow up with Aaron Penvose, Trout Unlimited, regarding the remaining \$100,000 needed and report back at the May meeting.

IX. Potpourri (D. Rohr)

A. PRCC NNI Funding Guidance Document 2013 – Rohr stated that PRCC had some questions regarding the PRCC NNI Funding Guidance Document and will be discussing it further at the April 28th PRCC meeting. Additionally, the PRCC requested the HabSC review the document as well. Accordingly, Rohr distributed a copy to committee members for their review.

Project Updates

- A. **McIntyre Dam - Fish Jumping Efficiency (C. Fisher)** Nothing to report.
- B. **(Status) Shuttleworth Creek Projects (C. Fisher)** C. Fisher shared ONA is in the process of reviewing this project. Discussion is occurring between Nature Trust and Blue Mountain Winery. A status review is expected to be completed by ONA for committee discussion during the May meeting.
- C. **Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project, Phase II (J. Cram)** Aaron Penvose reported in March they completed the draft IEGP application and if approved, will be a big lift on the funding effort for this project. IEGP requires a lot of landowner and state agency coordination as it is tied to water conservation. TU has reached out to the JSDC board to review and discuss the application and will learn more in the next week or

two. There will undoubtedly be agency follow-up. TU is working with a private funding source interested in the project who is keen to fund, however their internal policies don't allow them to commit for 6-12 months before construction on this type of project. We feel confident to add them in the range of \$100K-\$200K for the project funding portfolio.

- D. Barkley Irrigation Company Permanent Point of Diversion (J. Yeager) –** Aaron Penvose shared in the month of March the team worked on the Barkley pump station project POW. TU's contractor for the project with their crew worked to make the substantial completion date of March 31, 2020. Installation of the jockey and three booster pumps including setting all the temporary motors, electrical, heating and air conditioning, PLC programming and several small details. The team was able to do the first set of pump testing on March 25th, and all pumps performed as specified in the contract documents. POW still has a few details left to do in April, although the pump station will be ready to deliver water to the Barkley shareholder by the April 15th target date. Selland Construction, the contractor for the phase II pressure pipeline, returned the last week of March to clean up the few remaining punch list items they were unable to finish last fall. This included installing services valves, Lower Lewisian lateral, clean up along east count road and pressure testing of the installed pipeline, and they should have this all wrapped in the first week of April. Selland's crew has been a good partner to work throughout the project. Bach Drilling returned the last part of March to start up the only individual well that had the power hooked for testing purposes. With the Covid-19 Pandemic it's a struggle to get all the needed contractor's back to finish up some small details. We are hopeful by the end of May we should have all wells up and running. The team continues to work through the DOT/FAA easement review process. The FAA has sent all documents for our review, and the TU team is in the process of reviewing and should be wrapped up the first week of April, at which point they will be sent along to the Barkley's attorney for review.
- E. Skaha Dam Fish Passage Project (C. Fisher)** Nothing to report.
- F. (Boulder Field) Icicle Creek Fish Passage – Wild Fish to Wilderness Proposal (K. Terrell)** A. Penvose shared the TU team pushed the project implementation and passed multiple important milestones in March. Early in the month they finalized the bid package, addressed the few outstanding design issues, and advertised for bids on the 13th. Feedback from construction contractors thus far is promising as there has been considerable interest in the project. We should receive several competitive bids from qualified local contractors. On the permitting front, the USFS access agreement for required closure of the Snow Lakes parking area and lane closure is fully executed marking off the last outstanding project permit. In the coming weeks and we will continue to work with USFS, IPID, WDFW, and others to coordinate remaining items as we rapidly approach construction. We'll continue full steam ahead in April as we address contractor pre-bid questions, develop addenda as necessary, open and review bids, and select

a contractor while navigating the new environment created by Covid-19. K. Terrell shared with the Forest Service being closed, they are talking with the Forest Service on when they can get started, specifically asking if they can move forward for staging.

- G. **Entiat Stormy Project Area “A” Stream & Floodplain Enhancement, Yakama Nation (B. Rogers)** B. Rogers shared the initial report was sent out then pulled back for tribal review. They are waiting on signatures, but the covid-19 shutdown has caused a slow-down of the review and signature process. B. Rogers will send out the report when signed.
- H. **“Assessment of Sediment Chemistry behind Enloe Dam on the Similkameen River, Okanogan County, Washington” (C. Fisher)** C. Fisher shared that due to the Covid-19 shutdowns, he’s not sure of the impacts on the schedule for assessment work and he will keep committee members advised.
- I. **“Weyco (Weyerhaeuser) Mill Creek” Land Acquisition (CDLT developmental funding) (J. Cram)** – (See agenda item IX above)
- J. **Icicle-Peshastin Irrigation District Fish Screen Proposal - J. Cram**
Nothing to report.
- X. **Next Meeting** – Thursday, May 14, 2020, 1:00 pm, Microsoft TEAMS meeting. Details will be distributed to meeting participants.
- XI. **Additional Agenda Items:**
 - Additional Info: Contract process – D. Duvall stated that he would like to initiate a post-project approval coordination meeting with the sponsor and liaison on the larger, more complex projects. The purpose will be to discuss project specifics and details (e.g., reimbursement, insurance, coordination, potential subcontractors, etc.) as they pertain to drafting the contract. C. Fisher and B. Rogers both shared they think it is a good idea.
 - C. Fisher shared ONA is compiling redd survey information for 4 spawning platforms and the information will be forthcoming soon.

ACTION ITEMS from the April 9, 2020 Meeting

1. Duvall and Rohr will follow up on duties of a review appraiser
2. Duvall will check on availability of Tom Walters for appraisal work
3. Yeager will follow up on questions of remaining funding for Barkley.

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