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**Meeting Notes September 23rd, 2008  
ITV – Walla Walla Communtiy College  
Walla Walla WEC & Clarkston Room #164**

**Board Members Present:**

**Walla Walla:** Roland Schirman (CC), Stuart Durfee (WWC), Cathy Schaeffer (WWC), Yancey Reser (WWC), Gary James (CTUIR)

**Clarkston:** Dick Isaacs (AC), Doug Mattoon (AC), Gary Thorgaard (WC), Butch Klaveano (GC), Del Groat (GC), Michael Largent (WC)

**Via Phone:** Dick Jones (CC)

**Others:**

**Walla Walla:** Steve Martin (SRSRB), Larry Hooker (WWCCD)

**Clarkston:** Kris Buelow (SRSRB), Brad Johnson (WRIA35), Becky Johnson

Vice Chair Cathy Schaeffer called the meeting to order and verified a quorum present. (11 board members present)

**Welcome:**

Cathy welcomed all to the meeting.

**Approval of September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting notes:**

**Discussion:** None

**Action 1:** Roland Schirman moved to approve the September 4th, 2008 meeting notes. Cathy Schaeffer seconded the motion. It was noted that there is two attendance scenarios, one at the first page (Meeting in the am) and one at the 4<sup>th</sup> page (Meeting after noon). There being no further discussion the motion carried by consensus.

**Agenda Additions:**

1.) Mid Columbia ESU Rollup – Steve stated that the ESU Plan involving Yakima, John Day, Deschutes, Mid Columbia, Umatilla, Klickitat, Walla Walla and Touchet regions is now complete. It is largely reflective of our recovery plan. A 90 day comment period, will now be in effect. Steve plans at the October board meeting to provide the board with suggested comments. There will be many public workshops in the many different locations. Steve will be involved in public workshops most likely in Walla Walla and also maybe in Columbia County - Dayton. The plan will be posted on the NOAA's website September 24<sup>th</sup> for anyone interested in reviewing it. Steve has sent an email to our 16<sup>th</sup> district representatives (Senator Hewitt and Representatives Walch and Grant) A large public meeting wrapping up will be most likely be in November at the WEC in Walla Walla.

2.) The NWPCC meeting was held tonight in Lewiston. It was a public hearing meeting on the NWPCC's Amended Fish and Wildlife Program. This program guides the NWPCC investments in the fish and wildlife program. Del and Brad attended the meeting. Del reported that 4 entities testified and that their statements were nothing that was not expected. (One tribe and 3 other entities) Steve will report back to the board on how the council responded to the boards comments submitted back in July.

## **Approve August 2008 RCO & WDFW expenditures**

**RCO \$21,932.38**

**WDFW \$2,535.14:**

**Discussion:** Cathy questioned what Supplies in the total of \$1860.57 included in the RCO Budget; Particularly the Steve Martin VISA for \$1461.66. Steve explained that the visa is a WWCC Credit Card with Steve's name on it. It is usually used for supplies for the office (Paper, Ink Cartridges, etc) and also can be used for lodging and meals expenses for meetings. Steve will provide Cathy with an itemized list of what the August supplies expense included.

**Action 2:** Doug Mattoon made a motion to approve the invoices/vouchers totaling \$21,932.38 expended in August 2008 in the RCO Budget. Additionally he moved to approve the invoices/vouchers totaling \$2535.14 expended in August 2008 in the WDFW Budget. Stuart Durfee seconded the motion. Del Groat Abstained. The motion carried by consensus.

## **IMW contract/status update:**

Steve stated that we were the only region granted monies for an IMW at this stage. After administrative costs there will be approximately \$340,000.00 available. Steve reminded the board that at the Sept 4<sup>th</sup> meeting the board decided that they would like to review each contract that is needed in the process of developing this IMW. The bulk of the monies will be spent for people and supplies (Pit tags, monitoring equipment, etc...) the experimental design will be ready for a peer review in November/December.

Del reminded Steve to talk about the Umatilla tribe and the IMW they are thinking about in the Touchet. Steve stated that at the last RTT meeting, Brian Zimmerman of the Umatilla tribe reported that they are thinking about implementing an IMW in the Walla Walla Watershed and asked for our experimental design and financing plan. It was stated it would be more like an IMW - light that will be much like the one in Asotin Creek.

## **Update on status of Walla Walla Basin Partnership (WMI/shared governance mechanism):**

Steve reminded the board of the Water Management Initiative that has been being formed. Cathy has volunteered to keep us up-to-date. Cathy reported that there have been 12 meetings of the shared governance. She reported that this is focused on the Walla Walla Watershed (Wria32). She stated that the Burbank Area was not included. She then presented a Power Point presentation to the board.

Steve stated that the concept of flow from flexibility is a wonderful concept. A 10 year testing period to experiment with this concept is a wonderful move ahead whereby all are cooperating to demonstrate that there is a possibility to have flow with some flexibility.

Cathy stated that she would be glad to answer any questions the board may have about this concept.

## **RTT recommendations:**

- Changing designation of upper Mill Creek from protection to restoration. Because a lot of barriers have been removed, so the RTT recommends that the status of this creek be reviewed.
- Changing designation of upper Coppei Creek from restoration to protection. The Upper Coppei Creek has improved dramatically because of the work done up there. They also believe that natural processes are occurring from the forks up (McCown Rd Up) making it desirable to change the status there too.
- Steve would like to start making a list of the revisions to present to NOAA in the spring. The Alpowa and Tucannon were also discussed, the upper two changes the RTT had consensus on.

**ACTION 3:** Roland Schirman moved that staff compile a list of recommendations for changes in the WRIA 32 region for revision plans for the recovery plan for this fall coordinating with the HSRG recommendations and the amending of our recovery plan; additionally he moved that staff compile a list for changes in the Snake River Region revision changes for board approval in the spring. Cathy Schaeffer seconded the motion. The motion carried by consensus.

Discussion about Consistency and Coordination with WRIA32, WRIA 35, Sub basin and others then ensued.

- RTT collaboration – adaptive management
- Identify mutually supported HSRG recommendations and amend recovery plan to include those recommendations
- Identify mutually supported project focus categories for each MSA to guide next year's Lead Entity process

- Identify harvest management recommendations for hatchery steelhead and non-native piscivorous species and amend recovery plan to include those recommendations
- Develop comments on Mid Columbia Steelhead ESU recovery plan and amend our recovery plan to include those recommendations

**Review and consider project funding scenarios (9<sup>th</sup> Round Project List) in light of sponsor withdrawing Ford Conservation Easement:**

Steve directed the boards' attention to the meeting pamphlet. He stated that the first list was the September 4<sup>th</sup> list the board had voted to submit to the SRFB. ON September 8<sup>th</sup>, staff was notified that the Ford Conservation Easement project was being pulled from submission. This was the day the list was due.

Steve reviewed the boards' intentions as he understood them on September 4<sup>th</sup>. He then asked the board if they still supported the alternates as viable projects. Doug stated that yes, as he recalled this is what the board had intended after quite a bit of discussion about those alternate projects. Steve then stated that he had shared with the RTT at the last meeting. In talking with a few who stated that the Coppei Assessment would be supported more if the geographic scope was extended downstream through the town of Waitsburg into the confluence of the Touchet River. This would most likely increase the cost of this project. Monies are available to extend this project. Larry Hooker stated that part of this assessment would be located right in the back yards of people who live in Waitsburg. General Habitat features and limiting factors were assessed in the past. But it was not an assessment that was as in depth as this assessment would be.

**Action 4:** Doug Mattoon moved to affirm/approve the 9<sup>th</sup> Grant Project list as presented and move ahead with the alternates. To go back to the project sponsor of the Coppei Creek Assessment & Project Design and ask that they expand the geographic scope to include the confluence of the Touchet. Dick Jones seconded the motion. Yancey abstained. The motion carried by consensus.

Steve is working on an agreement with other Columbia River Basin Organizations to exchange funds.

**Set/Cancel Sept 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008 as special Board meeting:**

None Needed.

**Next Board meeting October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Set Place:**

**Action 5:** Roland Schirman made the motion that the next meeting will be the same format as this one: ITV meeting (WWCC – WEC in Walla Walla and Clarkston #164). Stuart Durfee seconded the motion. The motion carried by consensus. Steve will attend the Clarkston meeting. November meeting will be in Dayton

**The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:45pm.**

## Review of Tasks

### Task Title

Task 1: Steve - Report on NWPC response to Board's comments.

Task 2: Staff - Compile list of WRIA 32 region revision plans for the recovery plan for board review (this fall)

Task 3: Staff - Compile list of WRIA 35 region revision plans for the recovery plan for board review (this spring)

Task 4: Steve/Kris - Report on SRFB 9<sup>th</sup> Grant Round Project Status.

Task 5:

## Review of Actions

Action Title	Motion	Second	Consensus	Vote	Pass
Action 1: Motion to approve Sept 4 <sup>th</sup> Meeting Notes.	Roland Schirman	Cathy Schaeffer	Yes		
Action 2: Motion to approve the invoices/vouchers totaling \$21,932.38 expended in August 2008 in the RCO Budget. Additionally to approve the invoices/vouchers totaling \$2535.14 expended in August 2008 in the WDFW Budget.	Doug Mattoon	Stuart Durfee	Yes		Del Groat - Abstained
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Name	Attendance for 2008											
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	September 4 <sup>th</sup>	September 23 <sup>rd</sup>	October	November	December
Doug Mattoon	Yes			Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes			
Dick Isaac		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			
Jay Holzmilller	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes							
Dick Ducharme	Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes						
Dick Jones	Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			
Roland Schirman				*Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			
Gary James	Yes	Yes						Yes	Yes			
Virgil Klaveano	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes			
Del Groat	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			
Cathy Schaeffer	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes			
Yancey Reser	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			
Stuart Durfee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			
Michael Largent		Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes					
Gary Thoorgard						*Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			

No meeting was conducted this month.

\* First meeting as a SRSRB Board Member