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Meeting Notes November 25th, 2008
Roland Schirman's House, 120 Weinhard Rd, Dayton, WA
6pm

Board Members Present:

Dayton: Roland Schirman (CC), Cathy Schaeffer (WWC), Dick Ducharme (CC), Richard Jones (CC) Yancey Reser (WWC), Dick Isaac (AC), Doug Mattoon, (AC), Del Groat (GC), Jay Holzmiller (AC), Virgil Klaveano (GC)

New Members: Bob Johnson (GC), Mike Cassetto (GC)

Via Phone:

Others:

Steve Martin (SRSRB), Brad Johnson (WRIA35), Anne Chapman (SRSRB), Larry Hooker (WWCCD), Duane Bartels (GC), Dave Karl (WDFW)

Chairman Del Groat called the meeting to order and verified a quorum present. (12 board members present)
Del thanked Roland for the wonderful meal. Our new members were introduced (Bob Johnson and Mike Cassetto)

Welcome:

Chairman Del Groat welcomed all to the meeting.

Approval of October 28th, 2008 meeting notes:

Discussion:

Action 1: Cathy Schaeffer moved to approve the October 28th, 2008 meeting notes. Dick Jones seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the motion carried by consensus.

Agenda Additions:

Road maintenance BMP's

Dick Jones stated that the Columbia County Engineer is concerned that the road maintenance BMP's provisions may give clout to state or national organizations; thereby manipulating counties and mandating that these actions are taken on county roads. Dick does not want to lose momentum, but does not want to put local counties into any jeopardy. He stated that there needs to be language in the document that will not allow state or national organizations to use their authority and force counties into unwanted regulations or mandates. There is a meeting with the local engineers scheduled for December 4th. Butch Klaveano concurred that his county is also worried. Butch would like the engineers to come up with plans at this December 4th meeting that they would be okay with to present to the board. Doug Mattoon concurred with Butch and Dick. He also stated that he and Michael Largent had also talked with their local engineers and it was his understanding that they had talked with Dave Mastin already. He understood that the BMP's would be developed by the consultants who would develop these hand in hand with the engineers inside each of these counties. Each county would be handled on a case by case basis.

Dick Jones then stated that we need to make sure that the document contains language stating that this is strictly volunteer and not intended for mandates. Roland stated that when he voted for it, he hoped that it would be a tool for counties to get outside funding. Engineers would have legal authority.

Large woody debris, root wads available

Cathy Schaeffer announced that the City of Walla Walla will be doing work to clean up from the January 2008 Wind Storm. If a project needs large woody debris, let Alex Amonette or Cathy know.

Economic Stimulus projects

Cathy stated that the board may have seen a email stating "Free Money till 10am". The idea was to get Capital projects that could provide jobs or on the ground work going to help stimulate projects. Cathy stated that if there are projects that could be ready to proceed, it might be a good idea to get those projects going due to the recent economy as things could very well tighten up.

Reminder, Executive Committee conference call 6pm one week before every board meeting:

Del reminded the board that executive committee call is set up so that board members can become informed about the agenda items, help set the agenda and be prepared for the board meetings. Every Board member is on the executive committee and the committee is comprised of "whoever calls in". Steve stated that Stuart Durfee was the only one who called last week and he wanted the board to know that it really helps him set the agenda and get a perspective of what the board members would like to have on their agenda at the meetings.

Approve October 2008 RCO & WDFW expenditures : RCO \$34,687.24 - WDFW \$6,055.97

Action 2: Dick Jones made a motion to approve the invoices/vouchers totaling \$34,687.24 expended in October 2008 in the RCO Budget. Additionally he moved to approve the invoices/vouchers totaling \$6,055.97 expended in October 2008 in the WDFW Budget. Roland Schirman seconded the motion. Del Groat Abstained. The motion carried by consensus.

Review/Approve Letters:

NWPCC Letter Discussion: The deadline for the NWPCC letter is December 3rd Steve has prepared the letter in our booklets for review/comment and approval. Steve then reviewed the letter with the board. Del asked if the tribe was okay with the letter. Steve has not heard back from them. Steve also stated that some of the RTT reviewed the letter and suggests adding a section that addresses hatchery reform by reiterating that our plan says "continue the use of segregated programs while evaluating a transition to integrate while implementing strategies to reduce/minimize the number of hatchery fish on the spawning grounds". He stated that there was not a consensus so it is probably better to just remain silent and reinforce asking them to be consistent with our plan. Jay asked if by remaining silent are we putting our endemic areas in peril? Steve stated that there is a paragraph in the Mid C letter that we may want to include also in the NWPCC letter. Dick Ducharme asked about the second to the last paragraph in the letter. He did not understand "informed the measures", He suggested replacing the word informed with guided. Then towards the end of the paragraph replace the word corresponding with correlation and consistency with sub basin plans. Doug Mattoon stated that the Asotin area (Grande Ronde) concern would be that if they would put an end to the hatchery fishing all of a sudden, there would be an economic impact on the Asotin area. Steve will make the above corrections and also include a paragraph on Artificial Production Strategies. He will then send the letter out to the board members for comments and approval.

Task 1: Steve - Add amendments to NWPCC letter and send out to board members for comments and approval.

Action 3:

NWPCC re: Fish and Wildlife Program Comments

Dick Jones moved to approve the NWPCC Letter with the above amendments. Dick Isaac seconded the motion. The motion carried by consensus.

NOAA Letter Discussion: Del stated that the deadline for this letter is December 23rd so we don't have to approve the letter tonight but pending the outcome of our later decision to set or cancel the December Board meeting Steve advises that we review, comment, or approve the letter in the booklet. Steve then answered miscellaneous questions from the board members pertaining to the NOAA letter.

Task 2: Steve - Send out NOAA Letter by December 23rd.

Action 4:

NOAA re: Middle Columbia Steelhead Recovery Plan

Dick Jones moved to approve the NOAA Letter. Jay Holzmilller seconded the motion. The motion carried by consensus.

Information about process to set recreational fishing quotas for steelhead and salmon in the Columbia Basin and Board's interest:

Steve explained the process in Glen Mendel's absence. Steve stated that the Board acknowledges that it has no authority/limited ability to influence the US v Oregon process where the overall recreational harvest levels are set. However, since WDFW sets the recreational harvest quotas as a sub-set of the overall harvest and that decision affects the public, the RTT suggests that the Board engage in the recreational harvest quota decisions with WDFW in an open public process. The reason is that our recovery plan not only addresses ESA recovery but also addresses restoration levels to support the economic benefits of recreational fisheries.

By law Revision – Conflict of Interest / Quorum / Board Members Update

Del stated that at the last Board meeting it was suggested that we revise our bylaws to explicitly state our policy on conflict of interest as it pertains to Board members, staff and any associated participant. A draft of the revised bylaws is located in the meeting booklet. Roland Schirman then reviewed the revisions with the board.

Amendments: Article IX. Code of Ethics

Move Section 6. To Section 1.

Section 5. Delete all but the first sentence.

Move Section 2 to Section 5. Making Section 3 & 4 staying the same in section #'s.

In Section 3 change the sentence to read: Bound members' interaction with public, press or other entities must recognize their inability to speak for the Board except stated Board decisions.

Task 3: Roland & Anne - Insert amendments in bylaws and send copy to board members.

Action 5: Doug Mattoon moved to adopt the revised Bylaws with amendments discussed. Butch Klaveano seconded the motion. Yancey Reser asked for clarification on the Conflict of Interest and confidentiality. After discussion, the motion passed by consensus.

Cascadia Consulting Land use policies/conservation easements report:

Del stated that the Cascadia final report has been provided to the Board in previous meetings and very limited input has been received. We need to finalize the report and make it public. This report is located online at the internal site. Dick Ducharme stated that he supports our prior discussions. That he has seen some conservation easement properties that have also taken advantage of CREP payments. It in his opinion is a double dip. Most agreed. Doug Mattoon stated that he has 3 concerns keeping in mind that the boards main objective is to restore habitat: the board needs to limit the percentage of funds used for conservation easements in each project round, there are other conservation easement opportunities such as ducks unlimited and do these easements allow for the same activities/public access as ours, and also how do these easements appropriately get determined for value. Steve reminded the board that this report is an EVALUATION of the strengths and weaknesses of these land use policies in each county. Dick Jones stated that he has talked with the planner in Columbia County and he feels that at least in Columbia County there are restrictions in place now legally that deal with activities along the stream in Columbia County and that conservation easements may not be needed. The planner from Columbia County would like to meet with the board and the WRIA's to talk about these issues. Dave Karl stated that these easements do allow a potential for restoring riparian and protecting our flood plains. Del suggested we table this discussion until the next meeting. The Co-leads will be having a meeting in Clarkston in December on the 18th @ 10am.

Action 6: Yancey Reser moved to table this action. Butch Klaveano seconded the motion. The motion carried by consensus.

Next month an action item will be included to approve just the Cascadia final report. Discussion then followed concerning setting a meeting for just the discussion of Conservation Easements.

Update on Mill Creek passage assessment: (Dave Karl – WDFW)

Del stated that the Board approved funding this assessment in 2007 and the field work is complete. The final report will be available in the spring but the Board has asked for an overview of the results. Dave Karl then presented a power point presentation to the board explaining the results of the Mill Creek Passage assessment.

Predatory game fish regulations and Board's interest in engaging in the process:

Steve suggested we defer this discussion due to the unavailability of Glen Mendel and the lateness of the meeting.

Lead Entity committee agenda (easements, calendar, scorecard, etc) discussion:

Steve announced that there will be a co-lead meeting on December 18th. An outcome of that meeting will be a date for a lead entity committee meeting to refine the calendar, scorecard and easement criteria.

Task 4: Advise board members on when the lead entity committee meeting will be.

Create strategic planning committee:

Del announced that Staff recommends that a committee develop a high-level work plan for 2009-2011 that would identify likely income sources and staffing levels, contractor work/professional services, etc to help guide grant requests for funding source(s) to consider. Steve stated that Stuart Durfee at the ex committee meeting volunteered to participate, and that Dick Jones also has showed interest. Dick Jones stated he would like to be on it, but he runs into conflicts. Steve will offer up a date in January and run it like the executive committee meetings.

Task 5: Steve - Create Strategic planning committee in January.

Set/Cancel Dec 2nd, 2008 as Special Board Meeting

None Needed

Set/Cancel December 23rd Board meeting – Bring your calendar

Move to second week in January (13th) – CONSERVATION EASEMENT DISCUSSION

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:43 pm.

Review of Tasks

Task Title

- Task 1: Steve - Add amendments to NWPC letter and send out to board members for comments and approval.*
- Task 2: Steve - Send out NOAA Letter by December 23^d.*
- Task 3: Anne & Roland - Insert amendments in revised bylaws and send copy to board members.*
- Task 4: Advise board members on when the lead entity committee meeting will be.*
- Task 5: Steve - Create Strategic planning committee in January.*

Review of Actions

Action Title	Motion	Second	Consensus	Vote	Pass
Action 1: Approval of Oct 28 th meeting minutes	Cathy Schaeffer	Dick Jones	Yes		
Action 2: Approve Oct 08 RCO & WDFW Expenditures (RCO \$34,687.24 - WDFW \$6,055.97)	Dick Jones	Roland Schirman	Yes		Del Groat - Abstained
Action 3: Approval of NWPC re: Fish and Wildlife Program Comments Letter with amendments	Dick Jones	Dick Isaacs	Yes		
Action 4: Approval of NOAA re: Middle Columbia Steelhead Recovery Plan Letter	Dick Jones	Jay Holzmilller	Yes		
Action 5: Motion to approve revised bylaws with amendments	Doug Mattoon	Butch Klaveano	Yes		
Action 6: Table the Approval of Cascadia Consulting Final Report on Land Use Policies and Conservation Easements	Yancey Reser	Butch Klaveano	TABLED		

Name	Attendance for 2008											
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	September 4 th	September 23 rd	October	November	December
Doug Mattoon	Yes			Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Dick Isaac		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Jay Holzmiller	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes						Yes	
Dick Ducharme	Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes				Yes	Yes	
Dick Jones	Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Roland Schirman				*Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Gary James	Yes	Yes						Yes	Yes	Yes		
Virgil Klaveano	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	
Del Groat	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Cathy Schaeffer	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	
Yancey Reser	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Stuart Durfee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Michael Largent		Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes			Yes		
Gary Thoorgard						*Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Mike Cassetto											*Yes	
Bob Johnson											*Yes	

No meeting was conducted this month.

* First meeting as a SRSRB Board Member