
**Meeting Notes January 27th, 2009
Dayton WA - TELECONFERENCE
6pm**

Board Members Present:

Dayton: Richard Jones (CC)

Via Phone: Roland Schirman (CC), Cathy Schaeffer (WWC), Dick Ducharme (CC), Yancey Reser (WWC), Jay Holzmilller (AC), Doug Mattoon (AC), Michael Largent (WC), Gary James (CTUIR), Del Groat (GC), Stuart Durfee (WWC)

Others: Steve Martin (SRSRB), Anne Chapman (SRSRB)

Via Phone: Brad Johnson (WRJA35)

Chairman Del Groat called the meeting to order and verified a quorum present. (11 board members present or on the phone)

Welcome:

Chairman Del Groat welcomed all to the meeting.

Approval of January 13th, 2009 meeting notes:

Action 1: Richard Jones moved to approve the January 13th, 2009 meeting notes. Roland Schirman seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the motion carried by consensus.

Agenda Additions:

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Budget announcement from Steve: Nothing definitive but Steve is receiving information that we should plan for a 20% reduction for both RCO & WDFW Grants. If so, and assuming existing staff remain in place, the partner dollars (planning units and CTUIR) and contract services will be significantly reduced. The project dollars will also likely decrease 20%. The good news is that the State of Wa is working on an MOA with BPA, as well as other efforts to secure funding. Steve did not have anything real definitive to report as of now, but he reported that there are several opportunities out there for alternative funding.

GOVERNORS ECONOMIC STIMULUS LIST: Dick Ducharme stated that it may be a good idea to get those projects that are ready to go on the Governors Economic Stimulus lists (Culvert projects, etc...) and also to find out the timeline for getting those projects on this list.

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Projects already engineered and ready to go need to be addressed. Dick Jones stated that the feeling in Olympia as he was there last week, is that the monies will be going through the DOT, so culvert projects etc, will be given high priority. Brad Johnson stated that he has seen a list that lists specific projects in specific cities and that there were only a couple projects close to our areas. (State agency projects exclusively). He will forward the list to Steve, so that Steve may forward to the board. Steve will work with the Governors Salmon office (Phil Miller) in using the 3 year work plan to get projects included on the Governors Economic Stimulus list.

Doug Mattoon stated that these are Federal Dollars and the projects have to be under contract by July 1st, he also stated that there are several reasons why that is nearly impossible.

Dick asked Del if they had any Road Decommissioning Projects ready to go. Del answered yes. Del stated that he could be ready to go by Monday if he had the dollars to do some of these road decommission projects. Dick Jones stated that Cathy McMorris and Company are looking at long term projects (Long term Employments). What long term employment is defined as he was not sure.

It was agreed by all that the board needs to be active in finding out the timelines and how tos on getting these projects on the Governors Economic Stimulus list for funding opportunities as soon as possible.

Approve \$8,000 subcontract to WDFW for technical support, March 1, 2009 thru June 30, 2009:

Discussion: Steve reported that we have about \$38,000 of uncommitted funds for this grant period (2007-2009). If we contract with the WDFW for \$8,000 we will return about \$30,000. He reminded the board that the intent of this subcontract is to serve two purposes (1) "pilot program" to test how this contracting with them for their services would work and (2) ensure continued technical support from WDFW. Steve then answered questions about the tasks listed on the WDFW proposed draft. Dick Ducharme stated that just 150 hrs with all tasks listed is an awful lot to expect. Del stated that they will most likely complete the tasks with our funding but also donate some of their time because these tasks will require more than 150 hours but they are tasks consistent with their existing jobs.

Dick Jones asked if it would be appropriate for Steve to negotiate with WDFW on behalf of the board and get tasks agreed upon by both for this contract.

Doug Mattoon stated that he and other members of Asotin County are concerned about contracting with WDFW to basically do what they are already doing for us at no expense to the Board. He asked if this was going to set a precedent - if we start doing this, will we ever be able to get out of it? Doug feels strongly that this will promote them using these contracted monies for the bureaucrats sitting in the offices in Olympia and the monies will not be used for field staff. Roland wanted to know what would prevent other agencies from expecting these same kinds of contracts. Jay Holzmilller stated that he is also in agreement with Doug. Dick Ducharme stated that this is the same as our previous stance with NOAA (Tim Beechie), which the board stated no, we would not supplement them, because they did not want this kind of a precedence set. Steve stated that he followed up with NOAA (Lynn Hatcher) and Lynn reported that NOAA is working on securing funds (\$30,000) for WDFW participation in the Snake River ESU rollup; the funds will not be available until July of 2009.

Del Groat stated that contracting with WDFW may be something that we may not be able to get out of, due to the economic times. Dick Ducharme asked if the tasks that they have been performing for us are part of their regular tasks or if they really do perform tasks for the RTT/Lead Entity that are beyond their regular tasks. Steve and Del both stated that the WDFW really are assets to the RTT/Lead Entity and do provide technical assistance beyond their regular tasks.

Discussion then turned to going over the tasks listed on the handout:

Dick Ducharme stated that task 3 and 4 (Snake River ESU roll up) really bothered him and that he felt that those tasks were really NOAA related tasks. He stated that the top two and bottom 3 tasks seemed to be appropriate. Gary James agreed, and stated that WDFW participation critical. It was reiterated that this is a small period of time and we really should go ahead and contract with the WDFW to see how this works as a sort of "pilot program".

Dick Jones stated that he has been staunch in not supporting these State agencies, but he thinks we should go ahead with this "pilot program". He did not believe that this will set precedence since we have already contracted to agencies for specific tasks in the past.

Roland asked if the document presented at the meeting will be seen by others. Steve answered no, this is an internal document. Roland does not want this contract to be misconstrued as a bailout and wanted to make sure that wording in the final contract did not imply that and also that the contract was clear that this is a "pilot program" and that there is no guarantee for future contracts.

Action 2: Dick Jones moved approve a contract with WDFW in the amount of \$8000 for the following five tasks

This contract would include 5 tasks:

1. Participate in monthly RTT meetings
2. Review/Prepare materials for RTT
3. Present technical information to the SRSRB as requested by the SRSRB
4. Participate in Lead Entity Co-Leads and committee meetings
5. Assist SRSRB Project Manager and project sponsors with project grant applications.

Michael Largent seconded. The motion carried by consensus.

Notice of Co-Leads meeting Friday, January 30th, 2009 in Clarkston (ACCD) at 10am.

Steve announced the above meeting in case any board member would like to participate and staff will send out a map of the meeting location.

Task 3: Provide map to ACCD office in Clarkston to Board members by Thursday of this week.

House Bill Discussion

There was a short discussion about proposed House bill #1497. Brad Johnson stated that under this bill he had read that the SRFB, regional boards and most every over commission and board are being looked at being eliminated. Cathy Schaeffer commented that it would affect hundreds of boards if adopted and is 30 pages long. Steve will look into it.

Set/Cancel February 24th, 2009 SRSRB Board Meeting

The February regularly scheduled meeting was scheduled to be in our usual format. (ITV) To be held at the Walla Walla Community College Campus' in Walla Walla and Clarkston.

Task 3: Include report on operations implications with 20% budget cuts for next Board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:48 pm.

Review of Tasks

Task Title

Task 1: for Steve – Talk to RTT, to prepare projects for adding to the Governors Economic Stimulus list and find out timelines for getting on these lists.

Task 3: Anne - Prepare Budget reports for forecasted cuts for 2009-2011 for February 24th, 2009 meeting.

Review of Actions

Action Title	Motion	Second	Consensus	Vote	Pass
ACTION 1: Approve January 13 th , 2009 Meeting Minutes	Dick Jones	Roland Schirman	Yes		
ACTION 2: Dick Jones moved to forming a contract with WDFW in the amount of \$8000.	Dick Jones	Michael Largent	Yes		

Name	Attendance for 2008-2009											
	January 13 th , 2009	January 27 th , 2009	February	March	April	May	June	July				
Doug Mattoon	Yes	Yes										
Dick Isaac	Yes											
Jay Holzmilller	Yes	Yes										
Dick Ducharme	Yes	Yes										
Dick Jones	Yes	Yes										
Roland Schirman	Yes	Yes										
Gary James	Yes	Yes										
Del Groat		Yes										
Cathy Schaeffer	Yes	Yes										
Yancey Reser	Yes	Yes										
Stuart Durfee		Yes										
Michael Largent	Yes	Yes										
Gary Thorgaard	Yes											
Mike Cassetto												
Bob Johnson	Yes											

No meeting was conducted this month.

* First meeting as a SRSRB Board Member

