
**Meeting Notes April 28th, 2009
Senaca Building, Dayton, WA**

Board Members Present:

Dayton: Del Groat (GC), Bob Johnson (GC), Bill Bowles (GC), Richard Jones (CC), Roland Schirman (CC), Jay Holzmilller (AC), Doug Mattoon (AC), Dick Ducharme (CC), Stuart Durfee (WWC)

On Phone: Cathy Schaeffer (WWC), Michael Largent (WC)

Others: Brad Johnson (WRIA35), Jason Schlee (ACC), Jerry Hendrickson (AC), Anne Chapman (SRSRB), Kris Buelow (SRSRB), Steve Martin (SRSRB), Terry Bruegman (CCD), Larry Hooker (WWCCD), Dave Mastin, Brian Bair (USFS), Janine Castro (PSU), Craig George (Dayton Mayor)

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

Welcome:

Del Groat welcomed all to the meeting and introductions were made.

In remembrance of Dick Isaac, Del asked all before proceeding with the agenda to take a moment of silence to recognize the passing of Dick Isaac who was a friend, family man, member of our community and Snake River Salmon Recovery Board member.

Approval of March 28th, 2009 meeting notes:

Action 1: Stuart Durfee moved to approve the March 28th, 2009 meeting. Bob Johnson seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the motion carried by consensus.

Approve March Expenses:

WDFW \$3,632.05, RCO \$35,709.80

Action 2: Stuart Durfee made a motion to approve the invoices/vouchers totaling \$35,709.80 expended in March 2009 in the RCO Budget. Additionally he moved to approve the invoices/vouchers totaling \$3,632.05 expended in March 2009 in the WDFW Budget. Roland Schirman, Billy Bowles seconded the motion. The motion carried by consensus. Del Groat and Cathy Schaeffer abstained.

Additions to Agenda:

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- Cathy wanted to note she will only be on the phone until 6:30pm.
- Kris stated that the Preposals are due on April 30th by the end of the business day for the 10th Project Round. Kris also stated that there will be a RTT Meeting on May 7th, 2009. Everybody is welcome to come.
- Steve showed a Touchet River assessment completed and proposed map on screen.

Dr. Janine Castro and Brian Bair's Touchet River Assessment and discussion of "Floods, Families, Farms and Fish":

Del reminded the board that we funded two assessments last year on the Touchet River from Waitsubrg downstream to Bolles Bridge. The assessments were led by Dr. Janine Castro of the Portland State University and Brian Bair of the USFS. Janine and Brian were invited to share their findings with us this evening. Del asked that all in attendance please join him in welcoming these two experts on stream properties as they share their recommendations with us. A power point presentation by Brian Bair was then done on the results of the Touchet River Assessment.

Economic Stimulus Funding update:

Discussion: In early March Steve received a request by the Governor's office to identify projects eligible for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding opportunity. Based on the 3-year work plan, 19 projects meeting the criteria were identified. The criteria were that the projects had to be (1) "shovel ready" within 180 days meaning that permits, designs and land owner support had to be in-hand or likely to be in-hand, (2) at least \$500,000, (3) consistent with recovery plan, and (4) create jobs. The project list was quickly whittled down to seven on March 7 because some of the criteria could not be met. In the end three projects were submitted on April 6 in the amount of \$4.8 million and they are (1) relocating and burying the overhead power line on the Tucannon River sponsored by the REA, (2) consolidating points of diversion and piping 11 miles of irrigation ditch in the middle Walla Walla River to save 6 cfs, and (3) implementing the McCaw channel restoration project (This project is very similar to the presentation we just heard from Janine and Brian). The list is included in your packet.

General Updates:

- Draft partner contract deliverables July 09 - June 11

At our request, Steve worked with our partners (Conservation Districts and Planning units) to identify deliverables they can provide us to support our requirements back to the RCO and WDFW. Anne has included their deliverables in tonight's packet for your review. We can discuss these with an understanding that they or some variation of them, will form the basis for their contracts for July 1, 2009 thru June 30, 2010. We will see the contracts at our next Board meeting prior to approving them. Steve will not know absolute budget until May 14th.

- WRIA 35 Amendment Update Apr 09 – Jun 09 (\$4,450.00)

Just an update – as you recall the WRIA 35 Planning Unit was asked to assist staff with evaluating and advising the Board on hatchery reform progress in the Snake Region and assisting with the economic stimulus initiative. The economic stimulus work revealed no projects needing assistance in WRIA 35 but the hatchery reform efforts do warrant assistance. Anne reviewed our various contracts and asked if any of the contractees anticipate unspent funds. Three sources became available (1) WDFW, \$1,450, (2) CTUIR \$2,000 and (3) Mastin \$1,000. The WRIA 35 contract was amended to include this monetary increase and an additional deliverable.

- 09-11 Budget Update

Steve has no new news on this –we anticipate an 8% reduction and that the reduction will primarily be absorbed by operating expenses and to a lesser extent partner contracts. However, Steve met with agency folks in Olympia yesterday and advocated the Governor's office to recommend "back-filling" those regions who demonstrated disciplined spending and that did not complete certain deliverables because of situations outside their control. The Governor's office is recommending that the snake be granted \$80,000 to "back-fill" our cost-savings for the purpose of revising/updating our recovery plan to reflect new information learned/presented in the Mid C Steelhead ESU roll up and the yet-to-be-completed Snake River ESU roll up. Our plan is slowly becoming out-dated and needs revised to be up-to-date.

Update on Fiscal Agent Percentage Rate Negotiations:

Del stated that he and Steve has a request in to WWCC to discuss their 12% business services fee and is awaiting a meeting that will likely be scheduled next week. He announced that in the interim he had posed a scenario to the Asotin PUD where they might become our business service provider.... Del stated that unofficially, Tim gave numbers not based on a board decision, but talking with a few over phone. For the first \$400,000 there would be a \$35,000 charge and a 6% charge after that for monies above \$400,000.

Steve stated that next years projections for budget are: \$308,000 in RCO plus, approx \$70,000 WDFW/Lead Entity, \$80,000 for revising our plan, \$377,000 IMW and tentatively \$80,000 BPA.

Del also has 2 other entities that might be interested. Jerry Hendrickson stated that if there was a decision to go ahead with finding another fiscal agent, then this would need to be opened up for people to bid on.

Regional Road Maintenance BMP program update:

Discussion: Del stated that the last board meeting, questions about the status of this contract prompted Steve to ask Dave to come and provide us an update. Dave Mastin was welcomed to the meeting.

Dave then presented his power point presentation to the board. Discussion about presentation then proceeded. It was suggested that Steve draft a letter to the Road departments.

Task 1: Steve - Write letter to Road departments.

IMW Update:

Discussion: Del stated that the RTT reviewed 2 proposals and selected EcoLogical. Subsequently, the RCO asked that we re-advertise in an attempt to get broader participation. A third proposal was received. He reminded the board that they had authorized him to review the proposals and act on their behalf in selecting one. Del engaged Steve, the Governor's Salmon Recovery Office and the RCO along with input from Gary Boone (WWCC) to compare the three proposals against our "bid items" and concluded with consensus from those three participants that EcoLogical is still the preferred contractor. EcoLogical and the other two contractors have been notified and next steps (contract development) and kick-off are being worked on now. (\$125,000 range)

Snake River ESU Update:

Discussion: Members of the Board, Staff and Brad met with folks from Oregon, Idaho and NMFS on Monday, April 10th to evaluate where each state is at and next steps to develop the ESU roll up recovery plan. Two assignments emerged (1) Steve is to create a habitat work group and (2) NOAA will create a hatchery reform work group. Anne has included the meeting notes in tonight's packet (at the end).

Additions to May Agenda:

- Election of officers
- Mike Delarme from HSRG as a guest speaker (Brad Johnson will contact him and let staff know if he will be able to attend).

Confirm May 26th, 2009 SRSRB Board Meeting

Discussion: Del asked if the board wanted to meet at the two college campus' or in a central location such as Pomeroy or Dayton?

ACTION 3: Michael Largent moved to have the May 26th meeting in Pomeroy, at USFS Building. Doug Mattoon seconded the motion. The motion carried by consensus.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:38pm.

Review of Tasks

Task Title

Task 1: Steve – Write letter to Road Departments.

Review of Actions

Action Title	Motion	Second	Consensus	Vote	Pass
ACTION 1: Approve March 28 th , 2009 Meeting Minutes - with Amendment.	Stuart Durfee	Bob Johnson	Yes		
ACTION 2: Approve March Expenses: WDFW \$3,632.05 - RCO \$35,709.80	Stuart Durfee	Roland Schirman Bill Bowles	Yes		Cathy Schaeffer, Del Groat Abstained
ACTION 3: Move Meeting to May 26 th , 2009 in Pomeroy at USFS Building	Michael Largent	Doug Mattoon	Yes		

Name	Attendance for 2008-2009											
	January 13 th , 2009	January 27 th , 2009	February 24 th , 2009	March 24 th , 2009	April 28 th , 2009	May	June	July				
Doug Mattoon	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes							
Dick Isaac	Yes		Yes	Yes								
Jay Holzmiller	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes							
Dick Ducharme	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes							
Dick Jones	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes							
Roland Schirman	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes							
Gary James	Yes	Yes		Yes								
Del Groat		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes							
Cathy Schaeffer	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes							
Yancey Reser	Yes	Yes										
Stuart Durfee		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes							
Michael Largent	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes							
Gary Thorgaard	Yes		Yes	Yes								
Kelly Farnsworth			<i>Guest</i>	Yes								
Bob Johnson	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes							
Billy Bowles			<i>Yes</i>	Yes	Yes							

* First meeting as a SRSRB Board Member