



UCSRB CONFERENCE CALL

Thursday, May 28, 2009

9:00 AM –11:00 AM

MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Ron Walter, Chelan County, Chair

Paul Ward, Yakama Nation

Mary Hunt, Douglas County

Bill Towey, Colville Tribes

Julie Morgan, UCSRB Executive Director

Derek Van Marter, UCSRB Associate Director

James R. White, UCSRB Data Steward

Barbara Carrillo, UCSRB Administrative Assistant

Others Present: Casey Baldwin, WDFW; Lee Carlson, Yakama Nation; Chuck Jones, Alliance Consulting Group for Douglas County; Phil Miller, Governor's Salmon Recovery Office; Sara Simrell, Paladin Data Systems.

Action Items

1. Staff will process sub-contract amendments to extend completion date as approved by the UCSRB.
2. Julie and Barb will send out the UCSRB approved thank you letter to Greg Delwiche, BPA.
3. Staff will edit the RTT Analysis Workshop funding and sponsorship request letters for additional review and distribution.
4. Staff will provide an update regarding potential funding sources for the UCSRB at a future UCSRB meeting.
5. Julie will provide a planning update at the June 25th UCSRB meeting regarding the August Upper Columbia Tour.

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Acting Chair Bill Towey.

Welcome and Introductions (Bill Towey)

Bill Towey welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for a round of introductions. Commissioner Walter soon joined the conference call and assumed his role as the Chair of the Board.

1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes (Ron Walter)

Ron Walter asked for approval of the conference call minutes from Thursday, April 23, 2009 and they were approved as drafted.

Mary Hunt made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from April 23, 2009. Bill Towey seconded the motion and all approved.

2. Potential Amendments to Sub-Contracts (Julie Morgan)

Julie asked the board for approval to extend sub-contracts to July 31, 2009 for J & J Environmental, BioAnalysts, Inc., and Alliance Consulting Group, Inc. to finish work currently in progress. Julie said RCO is willing to extend sub-contract dates until the end of July, 2009. The Board approved. Staff will process the sub-contract amendments. ☑

Lee Carlson made a motion to approve extension of the sub-contract amendments for J & J Environmental, BioAnalysts, Inc., and Alliance Consulting Group, Inc. Bill Towey seconded the motion and all approved.

3. Progress on Habitat Work Schedule System for Tracking Recovery Plan at Various Scales (Sara Simrell and James White)

James White reviewed with the Board the background of the Habitat Work Schedule and its purpose in tracking recovery. He then introduced Sara Simrell of Paladin Data Systems who is currently developing the regional Habitat Work Schedule system for the UCSRB. Sara gave a presentation on the overall function of the HWS, the public portal section as well as the database system. Sara will present a final mock-up of the site to the UCSRB at its June 25th meeting.

4. Report on meeting with Greg Delwiche, BPA and Approval of Thank You Letter (Derek Van Marter)

Derek Van Marter gave an overview of the meeting with Greg Delwiche, Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), held on April 30, 2009 to review the upper Columbia implementation structure, habitat action types, monitoring and evaluation programs and overall upper Columbia coordination and collaboration. Derek noted the meeting went very well and the presentations by partners in the upper Columbia were well received by Mr. Delwiche and his colleagues from BPA, Roy Beatty and Joe Connor. Derek then presented a draft thank you letter to BPA for the Board's consideration. The letter was reviewed and approved by the board for mailing. ☑ Roy Beatty and Joe Connor were also added as cc's to the letter.

Mary Hunt made a motion to approve the thank you letter to Greg Delwiche from the UCSRB, as drafted. Bill Towey seconded the motion and all approved.

5. RTT Analysis Workshop (White and Barbara Carrillo)

James White gave an overview of the background for the RTT Analysis Workshop scheduled for November 2009. James and Barbara Carrillo then presented the funding and sponsorship request letter and distribution list for Board review and approval. The Board made some minor additions and changes in wording of the letter. The Board also approved the distribution list with a few additions. Staff will refine the letter for final distribution. ☑

Lee Carlson made a motion to approve the RTT Analysis Workshop sponsorship request letter and distribution list with the suggested revisions. Mary seconded the motion and all approved.

6. UCSRB Operations Budget, Status of Current Budget and Development of Next Biennium Budget (Morgan)

Julie Morgan provided an update on the UCSRB Operations Budget and noted the UCSRB's current grant with the RCO expires June 30, 2009. Julie then reviewed

budget scenarios for the next biennium. She said the SRFB completed its decision-making process on budgets at its last meeting. The result is that the UCSRB will be contracting again with RCO for the same amount as the current biennium. Julie also reviewed potential funding coming to the UCSRB from BPA to implement new initiatives prioritized by the Board. Julie mentioned that the band “Phish” contacted the UCSRB explaining that they had chosen the organization to be beneficiaries for a percentage of merchandise sold at their concert scheduled at the Gorge Amphitheatre in George, Washington for Saturday, August 8, 2009. Julie will review concert information and volunteer opportunities as the event approaches.

Bill Towey continued to encourage the Board staff to increase diversification of funding for the UCSRB over time. Bill also encouraged research into foundations and endowments for potential funding. Julie mentioned that she has been working with Todd Reeve and assisting with the negotiations with the Yakama Nation to fund an “all things” Entiat position. Ron mentioned that the Entiat landowners are looking toward involvement of the next generation to continue work and sustain accomplishments. Julie will review additional information regarding potential funding sources at a future UCSRB meeting.

7. August Upper Columbia Tour (Morgan and UCSRB)

Julie Morgan reviewed preliminary planning arrangements for the UC Tour scheduled for August 26 and 27, 2009 and asked for approval for the tour bus rental. Julie mentioned several potential messages to highlight on the tour such as hatchery integration, Coho re-introduction, kelt reconditioning, challenges and steps to improve hatchery work in the UC, types of habitat work, landowner partnerships, and a possible landowner discussion. She then reviewed plans for dinner and lodging at Sun Mountain Lodge in Winthrop and then a tour of Methow construction sites the next day. The bus would return to Wenatchee the afternoon of the second day. Bill Towey commented on the importance of highlighting the geographic scale of the region. Julie asked for project site recommendations via email over the next several weeks and said she will provide a tour update at the June 25th board meeting.

8. Key Upcoming Meetings for June 2009 (Morgan and staff)

- Implementation Team (IT) Meeting, June 2
- FCRPS BiOp UC Expert Panel Meeting, June 3 and 4
- UCSRB Staff Work Group Meeting, June 9
- RTT Meeting, June 10
- Presentation to the Federal Caucus, June 16
- SRFB/Trib Fund/RTT Project Tours, June 22-25
- UCSRB Meeting, June 25

Derek Van Marter gave an overview of the agenda for the June 2 IT meeting. Julie then reviewed the FCRPS BiOp Upper Columbia Expert Panel Meeting agenda for June 3 and 4. Julie also reviewed the Staff Work Group agenda for June 9. Casey gave an update on the agenda for the RTT meeting scheduled for June 10. Julie gave an overview of her presentation to the Federal Caucus on June 16. Mary Hunt asked Julie if she could present at a future RC & D meeting regarding the UCSRB and its work. Julie said she would be happy to come and make a presentation in the near future. Derek then reviewed the SRFB/Trib Fund/RTT Project Tours scheduled for

June 22 - 25. Julie also briefly reviewed topics for the June 25 UCSRB meeting agenda.

Public Comment

Ron asked for any public comment and there was none.

Adjourn Meeting

Chair Ron Walter thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 11:10 AM.

Summary of Motions

Mary Hunt made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from April 23, 2009. Bill Towe seconded the motion and all approved.

Lee Carlson made a motion to approve extensions of the sub-contract amendments for J & J Environmental, BioAnalysts, Inc. and Alliance Consulting Group, Inc. Bill Towe seconded the motion and all approved.

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