



UCSRB CONFERENCE CALL

415 King Street
Wenatchee, WA 98802

Thursday, February 26, 2009
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Ron Walter, Chelan County, Chair
Paul Ward, Yakama Nation
Bud Hover, Okanogan County
Mary Hunt, Douglas County
Bill Towey, Colville Tribes via conference call

Julie Morgan, UCSRB Executive Director
James R. White, UCSRB Data Steward
Barbara Carrillo, UCSRB Administrative Assistant

Others Present: Casey Baldwin, WDFW and RTT Chair; Chuck Jones, Alliance Consulting Group for Douglas County; Bob Weidner, Evergreen Forest County Group; Ken Sletten, OCFB; Char Beam, Okanogan County; and Mike Kaputa, Chelan County

Action Items

1. Barbara will work on scheduling meetings for Bud Hover, Mary Hunt and Ron Walter with Olympia legislators regarding the SRFB request for funds to the state.
2. Julie will work with contractors to commence completion of current biennial tasks as approved by the UCSRB.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chair Ron Walter.

Welcome and Introductions (Chair Ron Walter)

Ron Walter welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for a round of introductions.

1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes (Chair Ron Walter)

Ron asked for approval of the meeting minutes from January 9, 2009 as well as the conference call minutes from February 11, 2009.

Bud Hover made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from January 9, 2009 and February 11, 2009. Mary Hunt seconded the motion and all approved.

2. DC Visit Preparations (Bob Weidner, Lee Carlson, Barbara Carrillo, Julie Morgan, and UCSRB)

Julie introduced Bob Weidner from Evergreen Forest County Group in Washington, DC. Bob gave a brief overview of current legislative events in Washington, DC regarding economic stimulus in preparation for the Board's upcoming visit.

Julie then briefed the board regarding the brochure for its visit. She presented revisions that have been proposed by Lee Carlson and the rest of the staff work group to place emphasis on educational outreach and benefits to the local economy.

Barbara gave an update to the Board regarding its schedule while in DC. Everyone reviewed the schedule and suggested a few additions.

3. SRFB Request for Funds to the State (Julie Morgan and Commissioner Bud Hover)

Julie updated the Board regarding the state's proposed contribution to salmon recovery during the current legislative session. The board members discussed scheduling visits with Karen Fraser and Hans Dunshee while in Olympia over the next few weeks. Barbara will work on scheduling those meetings. ☑

4. Task Completion for the Current Biennium (Julie Morgan)

Julie presented contracts to the board for its approval to complete current priority tasks by the end of the biennium.

Julie reviewed contracts with J & J Environmental to populate the Okanogan projects into the Habitat Work Schedule (HWS). Bill Towey then suggested changing the scope of work in the contract to reflect the ability to summarize the entities that were consulted but were not able to participate and Bud agreed.

Bill Towey made a motion to include a phase III pertaining to missing data in the contract with J & J Environmental. Bud Hover seconded the motion and all approved.

Julie reviewed the EKOSYSTEM/Paladin Contract with the group. She also reviewed the history and project tracking component of the Habitat Work Schedule (HWS) system currently structured for lead entities and the need for expansion of the HWS system to regional organizations for greater geographic utility. Julie noted that the contracted deliverables with Paladin will give us the capability to query for specific areas or the entire ESU within the HWS. James White reviewed several contractual language issues within the contract and said that the Board should also be seek legal counsel review.

Bud Hover made a motion to authorize the contract with EKOSYSTEM/Paladin following legal review. Mary Hunt seconded the motion and all approved.

Julie asked the board for approval of a contract with Alliance Consulting Group to complete current priority tasks by the end of the biennium regarding completion and compliance with state and federal statutes for personnel and other policies, non-profit corporation requirements, and other miscellaneous items.

Per board approval, Julie will commence work with all contractors to complete current biennial tasks. ☑

Bud Hover made a motion to authorize a contractual agreement with Alliance Consulting Group for an amount not to exceed \$13,000 to finish current biennial tasks. Mary Hunt seconded the motion and all approved.

Julie then reviewed with the board that the Hatchery Scientific Review Group (HSRG) will be having a kick-off event entitled "Columbia River Hatchery Reform" releasing its new report at a hotel adjacent to the Portland Airport on March 27, 2009. The report will cover recommendations on the Columbia River and a detailed discussion on upper and lower river recommendations to Congress. As part of the day's events, the HSRG requested to use the UCSRB logo.

Bud Hover made a motion to approve the use of our log for the HSRG's report kick-off event. Bill Towey seconded the motion and all approved.

Public Comment

Ken Sletten contributed comments regarding federal programmatic permitting and biological evaluations in the Upper Columbia.

Adjourn Meeting

Ron thanked everyone for participating and adjourned the meeting at Noon.

Summary of Motions

Bud Hover made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from January 9, 2009 and February 11, 2009. Mary Hunt seconded the motion and all approved.

Bill Towey made a motion to include a phase III pertaining to missing data in the contract with J & J Environmental. Bud Hover seconded the motion and all approved.

Bud Hover made a motion to authorize the contract with EKOSYSTEM/Palladin following legal review. Mary Hunt seconded the motion and all approved.

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