

MEETING OVERVIEW

For the January 19, 2022 YBFWRB Board of Directors Meeting

This will be an online meeting that you can join via computer and phone. We have cancelled the pre-meeting work session, so the meeting will commence at 2 pm.

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- 2. If you are having trouble joining the meeting, email or text Alex (509 654-0394; aconley@ybfwrp.org)*
- 3. Please do use the computer link so that you can view shared materials and use the chat bar to participate and request a chance to speak.*
- 4. Use of video is optional but recommended.*
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- 6. We will be monitoring the chat bar during the meeting; please do use “??” if you would like us to call on you to speak. We may also use the chat function to call for Yeahs and Nays on motions.*
- 7. When not talking, please mute yourself on the GoTo meeting control panel to avoid feedback and background noise.*

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Numbers refer to agenda items. Item #s refer to Board Materials email attachment numbers.

- 1. Introductions:** We'll start the meeting with introductions, review/approval of the agenda, and review/approval of the minutes from our October Board of Directors Meeting. The **agenda, draft minutes for the October Meeting and notes of the December 7 and January 12 Executive Committee meetings** are attached (**Items #1,3 & 4**).

2a. Announcements and Updates, to include:

- Introduction of Kay Gallentine, the Board's new Operations and Outreach Coordinator
- Submission of Fish Barrier Removal Board applications;
- Other updates from meeting participants?

2b. Correspondence

There is no incoming correspondence of note for Board review.

The outgoing correspondence packet (Item #5) includes:

- A. A letter to the City of Union Gap regarding the removal of Julie Schilling for the Board of Directors and the City's proposed appointment of a replacement member;
- B. A support letter from the Bull trout Working Group, signed by Alex on behalf of the group, for the Kittitas Conservation Trust's Kachess River Restoration Project;
- C. Support letters signed by Adam for two Kittitas County Conservation District Fish Barrier Removal Board applications.

We have one proposed outgoing letter to review and potentially approve; it is a support letter from the Board (not the Bull Trout Working Group) for the same Kachess River Restoration Project's application for Ecology Streamflow Grant Program funding. It is included in the packet as Item #6

3. Process to Fill Vacant Yakima County City seat on the Board of Directors

The City of Union Gap's decision to remove Julie Schilling from the Board of Directors leave one of the two seats for City representatives from Cities in Yakima County vacant. Our bylaws call for the member governments from each county to nominate and select the two city representatives. We normally put out a call for nominations in our annual letter to members and make the selection at our annual meeting. The Board will need to decide whether to a) leave the position vacant until the Annual Meeting, or b) call for nominations in following this meeting and schedule a special meeting of Board Members from Yakima County members for prior to our March Board meeting to select someone to fill the vacancy.

4. Funding Agreements

- a. Since our last meeting, our RCO Operating contract has been finalized through September 2023 (including incorporation of carryover funds from the previous contract), and our contract with Ecology for convening the Bull trout Work Group has been funded and extended through December 31, 2023.
- b. I am working with the Yakima Valley Library to revising and renew the non-expired funding agreement for creation of a digital archive of key Yakima Basin documents; I may have more to report at the meeting.
- c. Our MOA with Mid-Columbia Fisheries for staff support for our work with the Bull Trout Work Group expires this month, and the person who has worked with us on this is leaving Mi-Columbia. We'll discuss two options:
 - 1) Extending the MOA with Mid-Columbia for part-time staffing to support the work group and working with them to find someone else to fill that role.

- 2) Opening the Board's long-vacant Recovery Board Coordinator position and allocating ~1/3 of their time to Ecology-funded bull trout coordination.

At this point we are looking for guidance from the Board, and not a final decision. I would like delegation of the decision to extend the Mid-Columbia MOA to the Exec; if instead if we pursue #2, we would review and approve the position description at our March meeting and advertise it after.

5. Lead Entity Program

Michael Horner will update the Board on preparations for the 2022 Grant Round and ask the Board to approve the 2022 Press Release, Request for Proposals and Lead Entity Manual (Items 7,8 & 9).

We will also review the membership and vacancies for the Citizen Committee and Technical Advisory Group and discuss how to recruit new members who can be confirmed at the March Board meeting.

Mike will also update us on the BLM program and the work it is funding in the Ringer Loop area.

6. Recovery Program Updates

Alex will update the Board on recent Bull Trout Working Group activities, Steelhead Recovery Plan work, and fish passage inventory and prioritization work.

7. Legislative Outreach

We'll discuss policy and budget proposals being considered during the current supplemental session and consider sending a letter to Yakima Basin legislators and delegating outreach efforts to a 4-5 person legislative outreach committee.

8. Strategic Plan Work Plan

We'll review the proposed revised work plan (Item #10) for development of our Strategic Plan and consider delegating selection of a contractor to support us in the effort to the Executive Committee.

9. Winter/Spring Board Outreach Efforts

Planning for area-specific board workshops and presentations.

We'll talk about content and timing for 4 proposed meetings this winter/spring:

- 1) Benton County members meeting and evening workshop on lower Yakima issues?
- 2) Yakima County members meeting and work shop (topic TBD)
- 3) Meeting with Yakama Nation Natural Resource Program leadership (no public meeting?)
- 4) Yakima County members meeting and work shop (topic TBD)

10. Board Logistics

- a) Financial Reports for the October to December 2021 Quarter are attached as **Item #11**.