



YAKIMA BASIN
FISH AND WILDLIFE
RECOVERY BOARD

Minutes of the 8/16/2012 Board of Directors Meeting

As approved at the 10/11/12 Board Meeting

Members Present: Dave Brown (City of Yakima), Leo Bowman (Benton County), Dave Fast (Yakama Nation), Scott Hamilton (City of Prosser), Mike Leita & Terry Keenhan (Yakima County), Nancy Lillquist (City of Ellensburg), Jay McGowan (City of Cle Elum),

Staff Present: Alex Conley (Executive Director), Darcy Batura (Lead Entity Coordinator), Heather Hadsel (Operations Manager)

Guests Present: Jeff Tayer (WDFW), David Child (YB Joint Board), Colleda Monick (S. Central WA RC&D and Salmon Safe)

1) Welcome, Introductions & Approval of Minutes

Nancy called the business meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. After introductions, the Board reviewed the agenda, minutes from the May 30 Board meeting, and the notes of the July 11 Executive Committee meeting. Leo Bowman made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted and Dave Brown seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with the support of all present. Jeff Tayer's retirement from the Department of Fish and Wildlife was acknowledged

2) Board Correspondence and Announcements

The Board briefly reviewed official correspondence received and sent by the YBFWRB since the last meeting. A letter was received by the Yakima Basin Joint Board regarding the Yakima Bull Trout Action Plan. A draft response letter was included in the meeting packets for board approval for Nancy Lillquist's signature. Dave Fast made a motion to approve the letter for chairperson's signature, and Leo Bowman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

3) Lead Entity Program

Darcy Batura gave a presentation on the 2012 Lead Entity project review and the ranked project list proposed for submission to the Washington Salmon Recovery Funding Board. Of the 20 pre-applications received, 12 projects were submitted and reviewed on the final list for SRFB funding. Seven projects were recommended for full or partial funding. This, combined with the request from the Klickitat Recovery Board, is ~\$70k greater than the available Middle Columbia allocation of \$1.776 million.

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Potential ways to address this shortfall include asking the other lead entities in the state if they have extra money, further reducing the cusp projects, or reducing the budgets of other projects on the Klickitat and Yakima lead entity lists. The CCWUA Pump Station and Barrier Removal project was reserved as a substitute in case the CCWUA Barrier Removal and Trust Water project is not able to go through for some reason. After discussion of the process and the ranked list, Leo Bowman made a motion to approve the ranked list as submitted to the Board by the Citizens Committee, knowing that the staff will work with sponsors and the Klickitat Lead Entity to adjust budgets are required to match the available funding. Jay McGowan seconded the motion, and the motion passed with the consent of all present.

4) Bull Trout Action Plan Status

Some comments were received from the comment period for the review draft of the Bull Trout Action Plan. See item #2, Board Correspondence and Announcements. Final edits to the plan should be done in September.

5) Outreach Update

The Outreach Reports for June and July were included in packets. An appointment with the Tri-City Herald Editorial Board will be scheduled soon and will include Leo Bowman, Alex Conley, Nancy Lillquist, Adam Fyall, and Heather Hadsel.

6) Policy & Budget Updates

Alex Conley presented a written report on the status of state and federal funding and legislation. He noted that state agencies were in the process of submitting budget proposals to the governor's office, but that the final governor's budget would not be completed until 2013, when a new governor is seated. Alex also updated the board on issues related to the planned NPCC/BPA habitat project solicitation, and the Board authorized Alex to work with partners in the basin to identify how best to work together to secure funding for habitat projects in the Yakima Basin.

7) Board Logistics

The Committee asked that all board meetings be moved to 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Heather will send a message to the full board to gauge consensus and will reschedule accordingly.

8) Financial Reports

The Board approved the financials as presented with the support of all present.

9) Public Comment

No public comment was received. The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.