



## **Minutes of the August 2, 2018 Annual Meeting**

*As approved by the Board of Directors on October 10, 2018*

**Morning Tour:** From 9 to noon in the morning, Board members and partners toured the Kittitas Conservation Trust's Cle Elum Side Channel Project and the under-construction Bureau of Reclamation Cle Elum Fish Passage Facility.

**Lunch and Open House:** The group then met at the Roslyn Mason's Hall for lunch and an open house, with partners including the Kittitas County Conservation District, the Yakima Tributary Access and Habitat Project, Kittitas Conservation Trust, and the Bull Trout Task Force. After a welcome by chairman Adam Fyall, Alex gave a brief presentation on the state of the Board and its work over the last year, and then presented 3 awards. Cassandra Weekes received the esteemed bull trout tiara in recognition for all her support of the Bull Trout Working Group, and Mitch Long also received a bull trout tiara, for his work developing large scale habitat projects for bull trout in the upper Yakima. Anna Lael was awarded the hammer of persistence, for her and her organizations efforts to quietly hammer away at removing passage barriers in the greater Ellensburg area.

**Business Meeting:** The official 2018 annual membership meeting of the Yakima Basin Fish and Wildlife Recovery Board was held from 2 to 3:15 pm at the Roslyn Mason's Hall.

***Board of Directors Members Present:***

Paul Ward (Yakama Nation), Terry Keenhan (Yakima County), Adam Fyall and Jerome Delvin (Benton County), Jay McGowan (City of Cle Elum), Nancy Lillquist (City of Ellensburg), Richard Bloom and Jim Leary (City of West Richland), and Julie Schilling (City of Union Gap).

***Others Present:*** Mark Peterschmidt (DOE), Neil McClure (CC Committee), and Elizabeth Torrey (WDFW)

***Additional Open House Attendees:*** Cassandra Weekes (WDFW), Emily Smith and BTTF Intern (MCFEG), Anna Lael (KCCD), Mitch Long and Melissa Speeg (KCT).

The Annual meeting commenced with an open house from noon to 2 pm. Chair Adam Fyall opened the business meeting at 2 pm.

## **1) Approval of Agenda and Minutes**

Acting Chair Adam Fyall opened the meeting and all present introduced themselves. The Board reviewed the meeting agenda and the draft minutes for the 06/21/18 Board of Directors meeting. Paul proposed changes to the agenda, moving item 3 (2018 SRFB Ranked List) to item 11. The 06/21/2018 minutes, as submitted, and the agenda, as amended, were motioned for approval by Nancy Lillquist, seconded by Paul Ward, and approved with consent of all present.

## **2) Board Correspondence and Announcements**

Alex made announcements and went over correspondence packet.

Paul Ward gave an update on a relevant bill: the Endangered Salmon and Fisheries Predation Prevention Act, co-sponsored by Senators Cantwell and Risch. This bill would amend marine mammal protection to allow more take in the Columbia River. Paul would like to see the Board send a letter supporting this bill and mentioned that the Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board is finalizing one. Adam suggested getting the Upper Columbia letter as a jumping off point. Paul Ward motioned to approve a letter drafted by Alex, pending e-mail review. Jay McGowan seconded. The motion passed with support of all present.

Alex discussed letters of support for Floodplains by Design application Paul Ward motioned to approve chair signature on support letters for Kittitas and Yakima County Floodplain by Design proposals and Jay McGowan seconded.

Alex passed around a recognition letter for Dan Olson, former Board chair. Nancy Lillquist motioned to approve chair signature and Paul Ward seconded. The motion passed with support of all present.

Alex discussed the Northwest Power Planning Council Fish and Wildlife Program Amendment and how to comment. Jay McGowan motioned to direct Alex to work with Yakama Nation staff and other partners to develop Board input to the Northwest Power Planning Council Fish and Wildlife Program Amendment and to approve submission of a comment letter following Board of Directors e-mail review, Nancy Lillquist seconded. The motion passed with support of all present.

### **3) Proposed Changes to Bylaws**

Alex reviewed the changes to YBFWRB bylaws and mission statement, as discussed at the 06/21/18 Board meeting. Adam mentioned that the Executive Committee took a good look at these and feels comfortable with the edits. Nancy Lillquist motioned to approve bylaws and mission statement as presented, Jay McGowan seconded. The motion passed with support of all present.

### **4) Board of Directors Membership and Certificate Forms**

Alex reviewed the current Board of Directors membership. Richard Bloom motioned to reaffirm list as presented and Nancy Lillquist seconded. Alex asked all Board members to fill out and return the annual Board Member Certification forms and noted that a blank form was included in each meeting packet.

### **5) Officers Elections and Agent Appointment**

Jay McGowan moved to approve Adam Fyall, acting chair, as chair and Nancy Lillquist seconded. Adam Fyall nominated Jay McGowan to serve as vice chair and Terry Keenan seconded. Paul motioned to reaffirm Nancy Lillquist as secretary and Terry Keenan seconded. Adam Fyall motioned to approve Paul Ward as an at-large Board member and Jay McGowan seconded. Adam Fyall nominated Richard Bloom as a second at-large Board member and Jay McGowan seconded. The motions passed with support of all present.

Alex discussed the need for a registered agent for the YBFWRB and what that entails. Nancy motioned to appoint Alex Conley as the registered agent of the Yakima Basin Fish and Wildlife Recovery Board, Jay McGowan seconded. The motion passed with support of all present.

### **6) Review and Appointment of Committee Members**

Alex reviewed our current Citizen Committee and Technical Advisory Group membership. There were no nominations of new members.

### **7) Set Board Meeting Schedule**

Alex reviewed the proposed meeting schedule. Jay McGowan moved to approve as presented, Richard Bloom seconded. The motion passed with support of all present.

**8) Review and Approval of the FY2018-2019 Work Plan and Budget**

Alex reviewed the work plan and budget for FY 18/19. Terry noted that there is an extra “2” on pg. 13 of the Work Plan. Nancy Lillquist motioned to approve the YBFWRB FY 18/19 Work Plan and Budget as amended, Jay McGowan seconded. The motion passed with support of all present.

**9) FY 2019 RCO Contract work plan and resolution**

Alex reviewed the RCO Scope of Work and resolution. He noted that either he or the chair should be appointed to finalize the new RCO operating contract. Nancy motioned to approve RCO Scope of Work as presented and approve the resolution authorizing Alex Conley to act as the Board’s authorized representative with RCO for the purpose of managing this contract. Jay McGowan seconded and the motion passed with support of all present.

**10) Communication Work Plan and Products**

Alex reviewed the revised communication work plan. He noted the largest change switched out a series of natural history tours for the creation of a citizen science program. Tricia reiterated how helpful the pre-meeting work in June was, thanked the Board for their participation, and noted that changes in the communication work plan were a direct response to that workshop. Richard Bloom moved to approve as presented and Nancy Lillquist seconded. The motion passed with support of all present.

**11) 2018 Lead Entity Ranked List**

Tricia reviewed where we are in the 2018 SRFB grant round process. She relayed to the Board that we expect a normal funding year, with \$18 million total and \$1,181,880 for the Yakima LE. She reviewed the 70/30 Klickitat Lead Entity funding split, as well as the Klickitat LE ranked list.

Tricia reviewed the ranked list, giving board members more detail on each project. Six projects are recommended for full funding this year: Teanaway Community Forest Floodplain Restoration (Yakama Nation), Wood Replenishment in Four Tributaries (Yakama Nation), Cooke Creek Screening and Passage (KCCD), Ensign Ranch – Big Creek Flow Enhancement Planning (WWT), Taneum Fish Passage at RM 1.8 (Yakama Nation), and Ahtanum Restoration of Recreation Impacts (MCFEG). Tricia noted that the Four Tributaries project had been recommended for conditioning. Greenhead Ranch Wetland/Creek Enhancement, Ph. 1 (Ducks Unlimited) is the alternate project for 2018. Projects recommended for deferral are: Mainstem Teanaway Restoration RM 8 (MCFEG), Restoring Access to Thermal Refuge at Yakima RM 25 (MCFEG), and Yakima Side Channel

Implementation (Trout Unlimited). Tricia noted that there are components of the two MCFEG projects that the CC would like to see funded this year. For the Mainstem Teanaway project: the CC would like to see a design component move forward this year. For the Thermal Refuge project: the CC would like to see planting move forward this year.

Funding the top 6 projects left \$75,000 in the Yakima Lead Entity's allocation for 2018. Tricia explained the decision tree that the Citizen Committee directed her to pursue. She then reviewed next steps for the 2018 SRFB grant round.

A motion was made to approve the use of \$506,520 of the Mid-Columbia allocation within the Klickitat Lead Entity area. The motion passed with support of all present.

A motion was made to approve the ranked list with the Citizen Committee recommendations, which the Board understood to mean that whichever project is partially funded with the \$75,000 of remaining Yakima Lead Entity allocation (based on the decision tree developed by the Citizen Committee) would move to the last funded position in the ranked list. The motion passed with support of all present.

A motion was made to delegate authority to staff to allocate any additional SRFB funding. The motion passed with support of all present.

## **12) Financial Reports**

**The Board briefly reviewed the financial reports.**

**13) Public comment:** Elizabeth Torrey, the new Ellensburg Area Habitat Biologist for WDFW, introduced herself and expressed her interest in engaging with the Board in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.