

MEETING OVERVIEW

For the January 24, 2024 YBFWRB Board of Directors Meeting

Please RSVP using this form: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HRP98HX>

In-person attendees are invited to join us in the Board's office at 1200 Chesterly Drive, Suite 280 in Yakima starting at noon. Please indicate your pizza preferences in the RSVP form!

The Online meeting option will start at 12:20 pm at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89993931512>

NOTES ON DIGITAL MEETING:

- 1. We are using Zoom. Please join the meeting 5-10 minutes early so that you have time to set up any required plug-ins, etc.*
- 2. If you are having trouble joining the meeting, email or text Alex at (509) 453-6007; aconley@ybfwrb.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.*
- 5. Note that using computer audio and/or video requires a fast web connection; if your connection is struggling, call in via phone.*
- 6. Use the raised hand function if you would like us to call on you to speak. We may also use the hand function to call for Yeas and Nays on motions.*
- 7. When not talking, please mute yourself on the Zoom meeting control panel to avoid feedback and background noise.*

PRE-MEETING WORKSHOP

We will share a pizza lunch at noon with all attending in person, and start our work session on state and federal policy at 12:30. We'll talk about everything going on with salmon recovery in the state supplemental session (and may have legislators calling in to talk about some of their bills with us), touch base on federal policy issues, and review the recent settlement agreement on Columbia/Snake River operations and what it means for our work. You'll see more materials for the work session in the days to come.

BUSINESS MEETING

2 pm – 4 pm Business Meeting Topics

1. Introductions, Agenda and Minutes

We'll start the meeting with introductions, review/approval of the agenda, and review/approval of the minutes from our August Annual Meeting. I'm looking forward to **introducing our new**

Operations Manager (Bridget Wood starts on Monday); **we'll also want to take some time to thank Michael Horner for his work with us**; it will be his last day of work with us before starting his new job at the Department of Ecology. The agenda (Item #1) and draft minutes for the November 29th Meeting (Item #3) are attached, along with notes from the January 11th Executive Committee meeting (Item #4).

2. Public Comment

Members of the public will be invited to speak to any items on the agenda, or any additional items.

3. Updates and Announcements

We'll share a brief power point with partner and program updates; Do also feel free to bring your own updates to share!

4. Correspondence

We will review the Board's correspondence since the last meeting (Item #5), including a support letter for Kittitas Conservation Trust proposals for Gold Creek, and the two letters to the SRFB prepared after the discussion at our January meeting.

5. Board Logistics

- a. We will take nominations for a new Vice-Chair/Treasurer to replace Jay McGowan, whose term on the Board ended on January 1st, and take action to appoint someone to the position.
- b. We will discuss efforts to recruit candidates to fill the upcoming Board of Directors vacancy for a Kittitas County City.
- c. The Executive Committee recommended developing a job description for the Board of Director positions that could be used when recruiting candidates from member governments. A draft statement of duties is included as Item #6. Bring your edits to the meeting or send them to me beforehand.
- d. It's time to start the search for Michael's replacement, and the Executive Committee has recommended using the HR contractor that helped with our Operations Manager position for this hiring. We will want to review and potentially approve Item #7a, which amends our agreement with Shorrett Services to include support for our Lead Entity Coordinator position. We will also review the Lead Entity Coordinator Job Description (Item 7a) identify changes to make prior to listing the job.
- e. The Executive Committee had a discussion of how we can offer more attractive retirement benefits, including potentially using the state PERS system and we'd like to continue that discussion at the meeting and identify any next steps.
- f. Alex will also give a brief update on the Naches Assessment contract, which the Board delegated approval of to the Exec at the September meeting.

- g. At the request of the Executive Committee, Alex prepared a brief policy on reimbursing employee professional association dues (Item #8) for your review and potential approval.
- h. We will touch base on future meetings, including workshop topics. The next scheduled meeting is on March 27.

6. Lead Entity Program

Michael Horner will go out with a bang by presenting the 2024 grant round manual, schedule, request for proposals and press release for your review and approval (Items 7 to 7c). Upon your approval, the 2024 grant round will officially start. Michael has been laying the groundwork for the two new grant program we will be reviewing projects for in addition to the regular grant program; he'll give more detail on these opportunities, the decisions made by the SRFB in December and our work to prepare sponsors for them in his presentation.

We also expect to have one or more nominations from the Yakama Nation to fill their vacant seats on the Citizen Committee to review and approve.

Michael will also give a brief update on the upcoming Fish Barrier Removal Board grant opportunity.

7. Legislative Outreach and Outreach Program Update

We will discuss the Board's plans for legislative outreach in the 2024 Supplemental Session in Olympia and consider how we compile the issues discussed in a work session into talking points and potentially, a letter to legislators. Alex and Adam will participate in the Salmon Day in Olympia on January 31, and the Legislative Outreach committee is organizing visits on February 14-15. Do come ready to volunteer if you'd like to join the February visits!

Alex will also give a quick update on recent and upcoming outreach activities.

8. Recovery Program Updates

Alex will close out the meeting by providing updates on the Yakima Bull Trout Working Group, Steelhead Recovery Planning work.