

UCSRB Board Meeting Minutes

Friday, November 19, 2004

9:00 am – 12:00 pm (note time change)

Douglas County Public Services Building

East Wenatchee

(509.884.7173 for directions)

Board Members Present: Paul Ward, Yakama Nation
Ron Walter, Chelan County
Mary Hunt, Douglas County
Bill Towey on behalf of Joe Peone, Colville Confederated Tribes

Others present: Denny Rohr, UCSRB Facilitator; Chuck Jones, Douglas County; Julie Pyper, Okanogan County; Bob Bugert, GSRO; Keith Wolf, KWA/Colville Confederated Tribes; KWA; Mike Kaputa, Chelan County; Carmen Andonaegui, WDFW; Kate Terrell, USFW; Jay Kehne, NCW RC&D; Britt Dudek, Foster Creek Conservation District; Sandy Cox, Okanogan County;

Action Items

1. **Denny** requested that the Staff provide a report to the Board in January on their budget review
2. **Julie** suggested that at the next Staff meeting Staff discuss who may represent the UCSRB in these different forums
3. Staff assignment – create update presentation for the Board
4. **Ron** volunteered to follow up on the conversation with **Tony** regarding prioritized projects and SRFB projects list
5. **Sandy** to set up a conference call to discuss **Tony/Dick** email
6. **Paul** suggested that we do the next workshop (Hydro) on January 27, 2004
7. **Denny** has a meeting with PUDs on Tuesday and he can check in with them
8. **Denny** and **Paul** will create the workshop outline (during the next week), send it out for comment and then contact the appropriate folks.

Suggested Action Items

1. **Mike** suggested that it may good idea for staff to take a look at the BioAnalysts portion and the managing of the comments processing to be able to monitor their budget so that they don't run out of money
2. **Mike** suggested that there be a workshop in December to update everyone especially the Board – we want the confidence of the Board's acceptance – sometime in the first two weeks of December
3. **Julie** – proposed that the board write a letter showing support for early approval and funding of projects
4. **Ron** suggested that the BiOp projects be brought in for the second phase
5. **Ron** proposed that the top project from each WRIA be put in the list to **Tony Grover** and **Tom Karier** (provide description of project and what review it has been through)
6. **Chuck** suggested that Grant County PUD would be good to include in this workshop
7. **Keith** suggested that we need to make a list of who to talk to and who will talk to them (Federal, State, BPA....)

Suggested Action Items ☒ (continued):

8. **Mike** felt that we need to get this message regarding the BiOp out quickly. Many of his folks have huge issues with it
9. **Paul** suggested that this Board create a letter and send it to ? and ask there they direct their staff to ?
10. **Paul** and **Denny** both suggested that we wait until after November 30

MEETING AGENDA

I. Welcome and Introductions (Paul Ward, Chair, and Denny Rohr, Facilitator)
Paul called the meeting to order at 9:11am

II. Meeting Agenda Review (Ward)
After Item 11 – discussion regarding BOR – projects to pursue on the BiOp

III. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2004 (Ward)

Ron moved to approve the October 28, 2004 Board Meeting minutes with amendments, Bill seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

IV. Review of Outstanding Action Items (Rohr)

- Per **Bob Bugert** – he has checked in about Crab Creek – UCSRB is not responsible for Crab Creek – ultimately it will be NOAA’s responsibility – UCSRB is welcome to take it on but not required to do so.
- **Mary** reported that she had spoke to **LeRoy Allison**, Grant County Commissioner and if we take on Crab Creek they would like to be involved in the discussion
- **Carmen** mentioned that there is some tie in to the Priest Rapids relicensing
- **Denny** reported that there were no pressing outstanding action items to address

V. Budget Review/Update (Rohr)

- **Mike** suggested that it may good idea for staff to take a look at the BioAnalyst portion and the managing of the comments processing to be able to monitor their budget so that they don’t run out of money☒
- **Chuck** mentioned that Staff will be reviewing the budget in January of 2005
- **Denny** requested that the Staff provide a report to the Board in January on their budget review☑

BOARD ACTION

(As outlined in October 29th letter to **Laura Johnson**, IAC Director)

VI. Action Re: UCSRB Organization Recommendations Document (Ward)

- **Paul** stated that the document is almost there – it could be submitted as is with the comment that there might be some minor changes in the future
- **Bob Bugert** reported that there were no comments received and this document is sufficient as a contract deliverable and it can be modified in the future
- **Bob Bugert** also reported that there is still legislation on the books on how to implement these plans in the future

VI. Action Re: UCSRB Organization Recommendations Document (continued):

- **Wallace** (watersheds) & **Nichols** (salmon recovery) seem to be at the head of this effort

Ron moved to accept the organizational draft as written, Mary seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

- **Paul** sees that there is a regional tie in to the State and Feds for the various watersheds – the political process and the public process too.....M&E specifically
- **Paul** would like to see the Tribal and co-managers responsibilities a bit more outlined
- **Ron** does see a dual role in the leadership – sees more involvement by the counties with the watersheds, but has concerns about the counties giving over any of their statutory authorities over to this board. – There is a regional and political role for this board but there is definite role for the local entities.
- **Julie** mentioned that Okanogan isn't ready to allocate roles for the management of watersheds etc.
- **Bob Bugert** felt that we accomplished a lot in this document, and that it is a very practical approach with a high degree of specificity.

VII. Action Re: 2005-07 Operating Budget (Ward)

- **Mike** introduced a revised budget – line item in the second year for coordination was changed to \$ 52,000.00 and kept the same as year 1
- Staff took the organizational recommendations that the Board had agreed to in the Organization recommendation document and tried to guesstimate a cost for each of the 6 deliverables
- **Chuck** mentioned that this budget is over and above the 2514, 2496 and Lead Entity efforts – he also stated that he thinks that this budget is far too high
- **Mike**, on the hand, felt that this budget was not sufficient to cover what he feels will need to be done
- This request was based on the need of the SRFB to have early numbers to negotiate with PACSERV
- **Bob Bugert** felt that there a slim likelihood that UCSRB will get funded for this amount. He has no idea what the budget will be especially because of the change in leadership. They liked the approach used when the recovery budget was put together.....this group was given an amount, put in a room and left to hash it out amongst yourselves to allocate where the money would go
- **Bill** asked if there was a discussion in the Staff meeting about being more specific about the numbers and where the dollars were going to go
- **Bill** also said that it would be helpful to see the numbers outline specifics so that when there is not enough resources to accomplish a task it can readily be seen that that specific task won't be accomplished
- **Ron** felt that because we are trying to put numbers to a process that has not been defined and we are really just putting in placeholder numbers. It's quite vague. Until we have a clear picture from the state it will need to stay vague.
- **Bill** suggested that the assumptions made to put this budget together be captured on the document
- **Keith** mentioned that there is going to be a whole new suite of tasks to take on for implementation that didn't exist in setting up this board.....adaptive management, etc.

VII. Action Re: 2005-07 Operating Budget (continued):

- **Bill** asked why the Lead Entity and watershed planning has been budgeted separately from the remainder of the budget since there has been steady discussion on combining all of the tasks
- **Ron** felt that part of the dynamic is a timing issue where all the watersheds are not at the same level
- **Bill** suggested that the Board be very clear about what it is representing and pushing forward about what it supports and doesn't support.....representation at all of the major forums is extremely important
- **Julie** suggested that at the next Staff meeting Staff discuss who may represent the UCSRB in these different forums☑
- **Julie** suggested that at the bottom of the budget page the comment "This budget is an estimate for only implementing the draft UCSRB Organization Recommendations. This does not include funds for watershed planning or Lead Entity efforts"
- It was further suggested that this type of comment be placed at the top of the budget.
- **Bill** asked about the timelines that we are operating under.
- **Ron** suggested that the reference to the 2003-2005 and other info be removed
- **Mike** suggested that the WRIAs be listed out
- **Bob Bugert** suggested that a one or two line narrative to each of the line items be added – it is not necessary to go to the depth of copying, supplies etc
- **Ron** stated that if we begin to add details then we are beginning to negotiate our budget away.
- Based on our historical experience.
- Council of Regions is the perfect forum to talk about the specifics of expectations
- **Bill** reiterated that the basic assumptions be listed out as well

Ron moved to make the changes discussed to the 2005-2007 Operating Budget and submit, Bill seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

BOARD DISCUSSION

VIII. State Recovery Plan

(Ward)

- A. General Report (Nason)
- B. Habitat Coordinating Committee Report (Wolf)
 - **Keith** reported that the HCC is moving along at the pace that they anticipated
 - **Mike** praised **Keith** for his efforts on keeping the HCC going and productive
 - **Mike** also mentioned that the HCC needs to keep the Board apprised of its work products and direction
 - **Mike** suggested that there be a workshop in December to update everyone especially the Board – we want the confidence of the Board's acceptance☑
 - **Keith** suggested that everyone see the documents before they are put out as a draft
 - **Keith** is scheduled to give a presentation to the TRT in January
 - **Paul** asked if there is room in the budgets for the contractors to attend this workshop

VIII. State Recovery Plan (continued):

- **Julie** didn't think so, but Staff members could brief the board on the contractors' products
- **Paul** suggested that this workshop be scheduled sometime in the first two weeks of December ☒
- December 9, 2004 (12 – 5) – Douglas County is available in the afternoon
- Staff assignment – create presentation ☑

IX. Regional Forums

(Ward)

A. Council of Regions – Next Meeting (Nason)

- **Bob Bugert** –
- Last COR meeting in Issaquah, the regions came up with generalized recommendations for the SRFB
- **Jim Kramer** presented those recommendations based on **Bob's** notes
- The LCFB put in a request
- **Ruckleshaus** asked that there be a peer review on the Lower Columbia
- The COR was asked to be on a conference call to comment on the other boards budgets – COR declined since most regions were unprepared for that conversation
- The COR will be assessing approach and ?
- **Keith** mentioned an assignment that came through email from **Kristi Lynnette**
- WDFW has asked **Bob** to join in a meeting to discuss Lead Entity – **Bob** asked the counties to meet briefly at the end of this meeting to update him on the issues
- **Julie** reported on the lack of a contract, letters from Okanogan County and the Colville Tribes, plus **Mike's** email
- **Mike** believes that they will contract with us, but the question really is that they need to cut costs
- **Paul** mentioned that his schedule may permit him to go to the COR meetings
- Next COR meeting is December 16, 2004

B. LEAG – Attendance / Next Meeting (Towey)

- Reiterated his opinion that we need to have consistent representation to these forums
- **Bill** volunteered to continue to attend these meetings
- Suggested that we create a primary and an alternate attendee for all the forums
- Next LEAG meeting will be on December 16, 2004 in Vancouver, WA

X. Subbasin Planning Report (Nason)

(Ward)

- WDFW is the only outstanding contract that has not been signed - **Dennis** is aware

XI. Discussion/Consideration of Letter to NPCC Requesting

(Ward)

Early Funding Of Projects (Julie Pyper)

- Continuing the discussion with **Tom Karier** that began in Spokane
- We have projects ready to go and we need to let council know that we are ready to discuss funding
- If a letter is appropriate we can draft it and submit it for comment
- **Paul** intervened to mention that we are discussing two parallel topics – One is the **Nason** and **Grover** emails that is reference to BOR – **Julie's** discussion is based more on the discussions with **Tom Karier**

XI. Discussion/Consideration of Letter to NPCC Requesting (continued):

- **Julie** – has been pushing the BOR to put Okanogan on their list and have not been successful to date
- **Julie** – proposed that the board write a letter showing support for early approval and funding of projects ☒
- **Ron** spoke to **Tony Grover** after a meeting recently and it was suggested that the prioritized projects coming out of this next round of SRFB projects and get the list to **Tony and Tom**
- **Ron** volunteered to follow up on that conversation with **Tony** ☑
- **Keith** mentioned another list specifically created for the BiOp – Several of those projects have not been funded (Columbia Cascade list) from CBFA in the last 3 year funding list-
- **Ron** mentioned that he isn't concerned about taking too much to Tom and Tony
- **Ron and Julie** said that two to three years is too long to wait to reward these folks for their participation and funding their projects
- **Carmen** mentioned that the RTT has a good grasp of the projects on the list
- **Paul** mentioned that there is going to be a turn over at NPCC.
- Early funding doesn't come out of the potential monies
- **Julie** mentioned that the projects would need to be put through the citizens committee so that they could review the projects
- **Ron** proposed that the top project from each WRIA be put in the list to **Tony Grover** and **Tom Karier** (provide description of project and what review it has been through) ☒
- **Ron** mentioned that **Tony** is looking for a list of the projects that have or will go through the citizens review
- **Ron** suggested that the BiOp projects be brought in for the second phase ☒
- **Mike** mentioned that it is BPA funding
- **Chuck** mentioned that large list of wildlife projects that WDFW has – perhaps we could add some of these projects to the early funding list (not the BiOp)
- Wait until January after the SRFB
- **Sandy** to set up a conference call to discuss **Tony and Dick's** email regarding early implementation ☑
- **Mike** voiced some of the concerns that his citizens have in regards to the BiOp
- **Ron** is concerned about the attitude that doesn't recognize that there is a local process going on – and it appears that they are operating on the assumption that they know what is better for me than I do
- **Mike** felt that we need to get this message regarding the BiOp out quickly. Many of his folks have huge issues with it ☒
- **Paul** suggested that this Board create a letter and send it to ? and ask there they direct their staff to ? ☒
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XII. Discussion/ Potential Follow-Up to Hatchery/Harvest Workshop (Ward)

- **Mike** passed along the appreciation of the Entiat folks for the workshop
- Survey created – was accepted as appropriate
- Discussed proceeding with another workshop
- **Paul** suggested that we do the next workshop (Hydro) on January 27, 2004 ☑
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XIII. Staff Report (no discussion on this topic) (Nason)

XIV. RTT Report (no discussion on this topic) (Bugert)

XV. General Report/Discussion (no discussion on this topic) (Rohr)

GENERAL DISCUSSION

XVI. Public Comment (no discussion on this topic)

XVII. Next Regular Board Meeting (Ward)
(Ward)

Meeting adjourned at 11:45am

Summary of Motions

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