

KLICKITAT LEAD ENTITY CITIZENS REVIEW COMMITTEE
Hybrid Meeting at Klickitat County Services Building
115 W. Court Street, Room 100, Goldendale, WA
and via Google Meet
March 14, 2024
Draft Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Keaton Curtice at 6:11 P.M.

Roll Call & Introductions

Present: Brian Beaulaurier, Todd Collins, Marc Harvey, John Jorgenson, William Muir, Don Starkin

Absent: Will Bowdish, Dan McDonald, Peter Mercer (resigned), Tim Thompson, Laurie Wilhite

Staff: Keaton Curtice

Guests: Technical Committee Chair Joe Zendt

Keaton Curtice was introduced as the new Lead Entity Project Coordinator.

Agenda Review and Approval

The agenda should be changed to read “Review and Approve Meeting Minutes, June 15th, 2024,” instead of April 20th, 2023.

The amended agenda was approved by consensus.

Review and Approve Meeting Minutes: June 15th, 2023

The meeting minutes were approved by consensus.

Administrative Items

Review Committee Roles and Bylaws

Keaton reminded the committee that the role of the citizens review committee is to support the funding of viable and impactful projects that create a meaningful difference in conserving and restoring fish habitat.

Open Public Meeting Act Reminder

Keaton reminded the committee that the meetings are recorded, and are subject to the Open Public Meetings Act; to be responsible, and to ensure that CRC discussion online needs to be done with a quorum.

Conflict of Interest Review

Keaton reminded the committee to ensure that they don’t use their positions on the CRC for personal gain.

Committee Membership Updates

There were 6 committee members that needed to be reappointed. Keaton received a notification of interest in reappointment from 5 committee members, and the 6th (Peter Mercer) has chosen to not seek reappointment. The remaining committee members don't need to be reappointed until 25' and 26'.

Business Items

2024 SRFB Grant Round Calendar & CRC Meeting Dates

Keaton shared the calendar with the committee, and the committee went over the relevant dates for the CRC, including the remaining meeting dates, and the project site visit dates. The committee had no issues with the meeting dates.

Salmon Funding Discussion, including new 2024 funding project types

Keaton shared a presentation with the committee regarding the function of the Lead Entity, the specificities of the Klickitat Lead Entity, acceptable project types eligible for SRFB funding, the new riparian and targeted investments program, and a summary and rough estimate of our funding in 23' and 24'.

LE Active and Funded Project List

Swale Creek Habitat Enhancement/Lower Rock Creek Instream Habitat Enhancement/Walaluuks Creek Levee Setback/Pine Creek Fish Passage Design

- Without a representative from the Eastern and Central Klickitat Conservation District, little was known about the status of those projects. The Swale Creek, Lower Rock Creek, and Walaluuks Creek projects appear dormant, and questions were raised about the sponsors having so many projects falling through. The Pine Creek project went out to bid, but design problems and issues with WSDOT caused the bid to be pulled. The lead entity coordinator will communicate with the sponsors to check on the projects.

Klickitat River Floodplain Stewardship

- The first three years of spraying and monitoring have been completed along the haul road portion of the project. More spraying will be done this season. There is the possibility that some money will be returned to RCO. There's just a little bit more work to do to see the project to completion.

Riparian Enhancements in the Former Condit Reservoir

- Several reservoir sites have been planted. There was one site that had never been planted before, this site requires extensive irrigation to ensure successful planting. There were mixed planting results in some smaller sites, and there might be some replanting.

Habitat Restoration through Beaver Supplementation

- A suite of beaver relocation sites have been identified, a beaver holding facility has been established, and work has been done to fund beaver analogs. Project has yet to successfully trap and move a beaver.

Lower Snyder Creek Restoration Design

- Project was design only, involving an area with 5 landowners. Project will end this year, and an application for a final design project above the current project area will be submitted for funding. Project is tied in with the Klickitat Mill Site cleanup led by Klickitat County.

Rattlesnake Gulch Fish Passage & Restoration

- Restoration project was completed; two bridges were removed and replaced with fish passages. Planting and seeding was done on the disturbed locations, and the site responded well to higher flows. Project has made great progress, and is nearing completion. A follow-up will be done that includes additional planting.

White Salmon River Conservation Assessment

- Timeline and cost extension/increase was approved, but cabin area acquisition is taking longer than expected. Progress and negotiation is still ongoing, and sponsors continue to assist the parties involved.

Upper Rattlesnake Creek Conservation

- Conservation of project area in phase one was completed several months prior to this meeting. Still a year to go to close out the grant, as a property management plan is still needed. Phase 2 will be a second project without the use of SRFB funding. There is currently no monitoring plan for the project.

White Creek Wood Replenishment Phase 2

- Trees and getting marked and identified, the project is moving forward and on schedule.

Upper Rattlesnake Creek Floodplain Enhancement

- Floodplain enhancement on a lower 1.2 mile stretch of the creek. RFP has gone out for the contractor to install 35 post assisted structure interventions at 13 sites. Project will be implemented over two seasons, summer of 24' and 25'. Most of the wood involved for the project will be from on-site. Potential future monitoring projects in the area are contingent on available funding sources.

Howard Lake Road Upper Klickitat Floodplain

- Engineer under contract to move forward with the design phase of the project. Project is moving forward smoothly.

Lower White Salmon River Conservation

- No updates

Additional Planned Project Discussion

It was noted that the committee was hopeful that folks could bring in good projects to ensure usage of the additional funds the lead entity will be receiving for the 24' grant round.

Committee Member Roundtable

There were no comments during the committee member roundtable.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on April 16th, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 P.M.

CRC Member

Date