

KLICKITAT LEAD ENTITY TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
Hybrid Meeting at the Pioneer Center
501 NE Washington St, Bingen Room, White Salmon, WA 98672
and via Google Meet
April 11, 2024
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairman Joe Zendt in person and via Google Meet at 9:05 A.M. and a quorum was established.

Roll Call & Introductions

Present: Brady Allen, Adrienne Grimm, Amber Johnson, Gardner Johnston, Pat Hayden, Margaret Neuman, Rashawn Tama, Nate Ulrich, Joe Zendt, Dave Ryan, Carly Lemon (Alternate)

Absent: Sean Gross, Jill Hardiman, Tova Tillinghast, Ian Jezorek (Alternate)

Guests: Kay Caromile (RCO), David Lindley (Yakama Nation Fisheries)

Staff: Keaton Curtice

Agenda Review and Approval

It was noted that the site visits were occurring on April 25th, not April 15th. The amended agenda was approved by consensus.

Review and Approval of March 13th, 2024 Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes from March 13th, 2024 were approved by consensus.

Administrative Items

Committee Membership Updates

Dave Ryan of Mt. Adams Resource Stewards has been appointed as a full member with a 3-year term expiring March 21st, 2027. Carly Lemon of Underwood Conservation District has been appointed as an alternate for Tova Tillinghast with a 3-year term expiring December 31st, 2027. Ian Jezorek of the USGS has been appointed as an alternate for Jill Hardiman with a 3-year term expiring July 31st, 2027.

Business Items

2024 SRFB Project Presentations and Discussion

Snyder Creek Final Restoration Design: Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group

The project is the next phase of a grant that was obtained in 2021 for a conceptual design for a larger project area (most of the industrial mill site) which contains the current project area, which will be taken to final design. The project area is the upper part of the mill site, around what was the former log sorting yard, past the old mill pond. A conceptual design was created by Interfluve, which illustrates the project goals of moving the creek out of its ditch, giving the stream the ability to interact with the floodplain while still maintaining a dominant channel, along with wood placement, and other general work that goes into stream restoration and enhancement. Snyder Creek is the most important tributary of the Lower Klickitat, as one of the few perennial tributaries that contribute habitat to anadromous fish. The total grant request for the project is \$332,214, of which the majority of the cost is the preliminary design.

Howard Lake Road/Upper Klickitat Floodplain Cost Amendment: Yakama Nation Fisheries

This is an amendment request for a cost and time increase for the Howard Lake Project that was funded in the 2022 cycle. The time extension would push the completion date back 6 months from 6/1/26 to 12/1/26, and increase the cost of the project by \$400,000 due to initial cost underestimation. There is no change to the project scope. The project is on Howard Lake Road, which bisects the Klickitat River on its far Northern reach at RM 75. The goal of the project is to reduce the channelization of the project area by removing two bridges and some cross valley road fill, accompanied by planting, and wood and boulder placement. This will not only improve the habitat, but alleviate the infrastructure issues posed by a potential bridge failure. The removal of the bridges will have minimal effect on traversal, as there is another usable road several miles away. With the increased cost, the SRFB total is now \$900,00, with a \$159,000 match. Other funding sources will contribute to a combined total project cost of \$2,564,000.

Klickitat River Floodplain Acquisition: Columbia Land Trust

This acquisition project is unique for this funding round as it seeks to utilize riparian funding instead of standard SRFB funding. Riparian acquisition projects require at least 50% riparian area, this project has 98.2% riparian area. The project area in the haul road reach is a high-tiered area in the Lead Entity Strategy, and contains a large and important salmonid spawning and rearing habitat reach on the Klickitat. The project is seeking \$233,357 in riparian funding, of which the majority is transaction costs.

2024 Site Tours Discussion

The Site Tours will begin at 8am at the Yakama Nation Fisheries Field Office in Klickitat on 4/25. The tour will begin with a drive out onto the highway to see the CLT acquisition project from the road looking down, then after regrouping at the office the group will drive to the former Klickitat Mill Site to see the Snyder Creek project. After returning to the office, a presentation will be given for the Howard Lake Road amendment, as the remoteness would make the project too cumbersome to see.

2024 Funding Estimation

It was stated that using allocation percentages from funding estimations put out by Jeannie Abbott, the Klickitat Lead Entity would receive around 5-600k in standard SRFB dollars, with 150k being Lower Columbia money that can only be used in the White Salmon Basin. Additionally, the Klickitat Lead Entity is receiving 650k Middle Columbia riparian dollars, and 150k is Lower Columbia riparian which is prioritized in the White Salmon Basin. Further discussions need to be had with both the Mid-Columbia and Lower Columbia regional entities, and we will know our official allocation in June. Additionally, it was stated that due to the rules imposed in the State's Climate Commitment Act (which allocated the riparian funding), tribal consultation/notification must be initiated by sponsors seeking to use riparian dollars.

Committee Member Roundtable

There was no committee member roundtable.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Next Meeting

Site tours will take place April 25th, and the next meeting will be June 13th, 2024.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 AM.



TC Chairman



Date