

Date: October 27, 2020

Place: Virtual Meeting

Format: Regular Meeting started at 4:04 p.m.

Board Members on Phone: Jon Jones (WC), Roland Schirman (CC), Michael Talbott (CC), Brad Johnson (AC), Brian Shinn (AC), Bill Bowles (GC), Kris Fischer (CTUIR), Michael Largent (WC), Larry Hooker (WW), Todd Kimball (WW), Justin Dixon (GC), Don Jackson (CC).

Others on Phone: Ali Fitzgerald (SRSRB), John Foltz (SRSRB), Kris Buelow (SRSRB), Terry Bruegman (CCD), Gail Brown (Citizen), Chris Hyland (WWBMP), Joanna Cowles-Cleveland (WWCCD), Duane Bartels (Pomeroy CD), and Megan Stewart (ACCD).

Verify Quorum / Public Comment

SRSRB Chairman Bowles called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm and verified a quorum (12 present via phone). No public comment. A motion was made by Michael Largent to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Michael Talbott and the Board approved the motion.

Approve Agenda and Consent Agenda:

1. August 2020 Expenses
 - a. (H2SR) RCO: \$19,227.58
 - b. (H2FW) LE: \$3,156.28
 - c. (H2B3) BPA: \$13,979.77
2. September 2020 Expenses as follows:
 - a. (H2SR) RCO: \$19,885.99
 - b. (H2FW) LE: \$2,104.77
 - c. (H2B3) BPA: \$15,470.75
3. September 22, 2020 Meeting notes

Action 1 – A motion was made by Roland Schirman to approve the September 22nd, 2020 meeting notes and August and September monthly expenses. Brian Shinn seconded the motion and the Board approved the motion.

Update – Announcements and Items of Interest

Executive Call Actions – No action taken.

RTT update— The main topic of the RTT meeting was a presentation on the Touchet River Conceptual Restoration Plan and how project partners can use it to help guide future work in the basin. Ali also reviewed updates to priority restoration and protection reaches for SRFB funding. This process will continue over next few months through RTT workshops and will be presented to the SRSRB upon completion.

Habitat project relationship to flood risk reduction— John informed the SRSRB that Tom Schirm will be reconvening the levee subcommittee. If anyone from the SRSRB is interested in participating, they should reach out to Tom for more information. John is still working to follow up with Yakima County. The Board discussed with staff the latest observations from the recent floods. Some large wood were designed to be mobile within project reaches, some large wood was designed to stay, and lots of natural wood recruitment was observed. Concerns from the Columbia Road Department were noted, Mike Talbot stated that there were damages during the flood and most of it was natural and no worse than 1996, FEMA and ACOE have covered about 50% of the costs and in the Touchet none of the material removed by Dayton was from habitat projects. Kris noted that staff met with the County and performed some adaptive management to projects over the summer with sponsors in response to the floods. He



also noted that several habitat structures saved bridges and that new LIDAR data sets will help model future conditions and can be used by those performing flood plans.

Presentation: 2020 Tucannon Implementation Update and 2021 Project Planning— Kris Buelow gave a brief presentation of completed 2020 work in the Tucannon Basin as well as upcoming projects. Implemented projects included PA 32.1 (CCD as sponsor), two maintenance projects, updating the Tucannon Conceptual Plan, PA 27-28.1 (Sponsor: CTUIR), planting at PA 18.1 (CTUIR) and ongoing LiDAR flights and data analysis.

For the upcoming year, Kris summarized the BPA budget and components of which that include staff time as technical support to Tucannon projects, office supplies, travel, monitoring plan work, habitat remote sensing, and channel monitoring. The contract would begin on April 1, 2020 and would include work toward projects in PA-26 Phase 2 (CCD), PA-34.1-34.2 Designs (CCD), PA-17/18 (CTUIR), PA-27-28.1 Phase 2 (CTUIR), Tualum Culvert Replacement (NPT), PA-13 implementation (WDFW) and the Tucannon Assessment and Conceptual Restoration Plan and associated LIDAR data analysis and modeling. Kris' summary will be the basis of the Tucannon Habitat Programmatic budget which needs to be approved by the Board before April 2021.

Discussion: Budget Update and Spend-down Plan — As discussed earlier this year and last year during budget development, we have significant carryover funding that needs to be utilized or will likely be swept this June. We had put several efforts and budget talk on hiatus due to the possibility of funding cuts due to the pandemic, now we have a good understanding of the budget for the rest of the fiscal year now that our contract amendment has been approved. The carryover funding that needs to be utilized is approximately \$120,000 and staff have been working on potential spend down plan options. These options include short term increases in partner contract amounts, equipment purchases, and monitoring and assessment efforts. John walked the SRSRB through the proposed ideas for spending down the remaining budget that cannot be carried over to the next fiscal year. Potential items include partner contracts, equipment needs (post pounder lamprey electrofisher, river model), and some data analysis/modelling (LiDAR, Tucannon SPCH monitoring, barrier inventory and analysis, Palouse CD monitoring project).

Action: Purchase and Contract Authorization for Budget Spend-down—The SRSRB was supportive of the list of spending needs as identified with a few revisions to include moving the river model and any barrier inventory analysis to the bottom of the funding priority list and to let the ED determine costs. Todd asked what if there is more money left than the \$120,000? John noted that this could go to increased partner contracts if requested, increased LIDAR analysis, and the other items on the list. Todd noted that monitoring is a big need. Brian Shinn made a motion to approve the budget spenddown list as rearranged at the SRSRB meeting. Justin Dixon seconded the motion and the motion passed by consensus (Brad Johnson abstains).

List presented:



	Low Range	High Range
Partner Contract Increases (education and outreach)	\$ 15,000	\$ 45,000
Partner Contract Increase (PCD request for monitoring)	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000
Equipment Repair and Purchase		
New Post Pounder	\$ 3,500	\$ 5,000
Repair Existing Post Pounders	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,500
Lamprey capable electroshocker for fish exclusion	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,000
River Table	\$ 6,000	\$ 14,000
Monitoring and Assessment		
Monitoring match for Tucannon LIDAR data analysis	\$ 60,000	\$ 100,000
Tucannon redd map	?	?
Monitoring match in Tucannon for survival of hatchery fish (1,000 PIT tag purchase)	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
Barrier Inventory Data Entry and Project Filter Pilot Effort	\$7,500?	\$25,000?
	\$ 135,000	\$ 234,500

Discussion (note that action was taken): Overview of State Budget Agency Requests and Conversation about Legislative Support and Letter to the Governor—John reviewed the upcoming 2021-2023 State Budget and the letter that was based upon a similar letter that the SRSRB submitted last biennium that highlights our regional legislative priorities to the Governor. The draft letter John sent to the SRSRB includes a brief history of the SRSRB, past and current efforts, and how budget requests relate to the work done in the region by our project partners. Justin made a motion to submit the letter to the Governor, requesting that John reach out to the Nez Perce Tribe to make sure there are no concerns. The motion was seconded by Todd Kimball and passed by consensus.

There was also brief discussion on how to best host our District 9 & 16 legislators with continuing social isolation requirements. The SRSRB opted to host legislators virtually at the December meeting with the first half of the meeting dedicated to outreach and discussion with legislators and the second half of the meeting to be a truncated business meeting.

Discussion (note that action was taken): Review Draft 2021 Board Meeting Calendar— John presented the schedule for the 2021 SRSRB monthly meetings following the typical format and locations. COVID considerations will determine if meetings can be held in person or need to be remotely held. A motion was made by Kris Fischer and seconded by Todd Kimball to approve the 2021 SRSRB meeting calendar. The motion passed by consensus.

Discussion: Review Draft 2021 Executive Board Meeting Schedule and County Commissioner Representation— John presented the schedule for the 2021 executive committee meetings. Todd Kimball volunteered to be the Commissioner Representative for January. No Formal action needed.

Action: December 8, 2020 for next Board meeting to be held by remote conference call starting at 4:00 PM. —A motion was made by Larry Hooker and seconded by Justin Dixon to hold the next Board meeting on December 8th, 2020 remotely at 4:00 PM. The Board approved by consensus.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Bowles

Signed By:

Date: 12-8-2020

Bill Bowles, Chair, Snake River Salmon Recovery Board