

Date: January 24, 2023

Place: Dayton Best Western

Format: Regular Meeting started at 4:00 p.m.

Board Members in Person: Marty Hall (CC), Brad Johnson (AC), Kris Fischer (CTUIR), Brian Shinn (AC), Bill Bowles (GC), and Don Jackson (CC).

Board Members on Phone: Michael Largent (WC), Mike Denny (WW), and Justin Dixon (GC).

Others in Person: John Foltz (SRSRB), Ali Fitzgerald (SRSRB), Roland Schirman (Citizen), Kris Buelow (SRSRB), Jim Peterson (Citizen), and Ben Kleist (CCD).

Others on Phone: Aneesha Dieu (CCD).

Verify Quorum / Public Comment

SRSRB Chair Bowles called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm and verified a quorum (6 in person, 3 on phone).

No public comment. A motion was made by Brian Shinn to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Brad Johnson and the Board approved the motion.

Approve Agenda and Consent Agenda:

1. November 2022 Expenses as follows:
 - (H2SR) RCO: \$37,134.14
 - (H2FW) LE: \$6,021.18
 - (H2B4) BPA: \$24,676.03
2. December 2022 Expenses as follows:
 - (H2SR) RCO: \$17,439.19
 - (H2FW) LE: \$2,455.25
 - (H2B4) BPA: \$12,478.89
3. December 13, 2022 Meeting Notes

Action 1 – A motion was made by Michael Largent to approve the November and December expenses and December 13, 2022 Meeting Notes Justin Dixon seconded the motion and the Board approved the motion.

Discussion/Action: Summary of Governor's Budget for Salmon Recovery and Legislative Outreach Letter—

The SRSRB sent a letter the Governor and typically we follow up with a similar letter to our district 9 and 16 legislators. The letter presented is an updated version of the Governor's letter and John summarized the changes including the differences in agency budget requests versus what was put forth in the Governor's budget. Brian Shinn recommended sending the original letter with the full funding asks to our district 9 and 16 legislators so that they are aware of what we were asking despite what the Governor recommend in his budget.

A motion was made by Brian Shinn to send a letter to our district 9 and 16 legislators with the original funding request amounts. Marty Hall seconded the motion and the Board approved the motion.

Discussion/Action: Letter Regarding RCW 90.90 Amendment HB 1322 Draft Legislation – John summarized currently active house and senate bills of potential interest to the SRSRB including HBs 1076, 1176, 1166, 1381, and 1421 and SBs 5187, 5200, and 5353. Please let John know if there are questions; additional information can be found on the state legislature's website.

Specifically, HB 1322 includes support for WWW 2050 and efforts to implement a community-supported plan in an over-appropriated watershed for communities and natural resources. The draft legislation was supported locally and sent to



the Governor's Office of Financial Management for review given that it was a state agency request from the Department of Ecology. John presented a draft letter from the SRSRB outlining the need for this legislation.

A motion was made by Brian Shinn to submit the letter as drafted by John. Brad Johnson seconded the motion and the Board approved the motion.

Presentation: 2022 Tucannon Implementation Update & 2023 Project Planning for future budget approval

— Kris Buelow presented an overview of implementation work in the Tucannon basin in 2022, including Project Area 13 Phase 1. Additional work outlined and planned for 2023 include Project Area 26 Phases 3&4 (CCD), PA 27/28 Phase 3 (CTUIR), Tucannon River Assessment PA 5-15 Concepts (CTUIR/WDFW/NPT), Cummings Creek PALS (NPT), Tucannon FLIR, and PA 13 Phase 2 (WDFW). Additional program support comes from Kris's staff time to support these projects. The budget for this program support runs April 1, 2023-March 31, 2024 and will be presented for SRSRB approval in February.

Presentation: Summary of 2023 SRFB Proposal Letters of Intent & Follow-up on Funding Cap Discussion—

Ali gave an overview of the projects received for letters of intent and a review of total budget request and the overall SRFB grant round process and timeline. A total of 21 projects have been included in the letter of intent summary, for a total SRFB request of \$6.4M – this should be considered the high-water mark for both projects and funding request.

The Board discussed the pros and cons of removing the increased match requirement and the upper project funding limit increase and ultimately decided to take no action. They felt the list looked good at this point in time and with only one project that might potentially benefit from the change in caps, that it was best to leave it as is for the 2023 grant round. No Action Taken.

Action: Sponsorship of Eastern Washington Riparian Symposium – John informed the SRSRB of the upcoming Eastern Washington Riparian Symposium in Ellensburg organized by the Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group and our usual custom of providing sponsorship for the event to help ensure it remains free and accessible to sponsors. Sponsorship tiers are \$250, \$500, and \$750.

A motion was made by Justin Dixon to approve sponsorship of \$750 for the Eastern Washington Riparian Symposium. Brian Shinn seconded the motion and the Board approved the motion.

Update – Announcements and Items of Interest

Executive Call Actions – No actions taken.

RTT Update – The RTT and the annual Bull Trout meeting occurred back to back. The RTT approved the 3-5 workplan and the Bull Trout meeting included reviewing document framework and threats assessment.

Gary James Retirement—John announced Gary James planned retirement party February 24th 2-4PM at Wildhorse Casino and asked for RSVPs.

Action: February 28th, 2023 for next Board meeting to be held at the Best Western in Dayton, WA at 4:00PM. — A motion was made by Brad Johnson and seconded by Kris Fischer to hold the next Board meeting on February 28th, 2023 at the Dayton Best Western at 4 PM in Dayton, WA. The Board approved by consensus.

Meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m. by Chair Bowles.

Signed By: 
Bill Bowles, Chair, Snake River Salmon Recovery Board

Date: 2/28/2023