Snake River Salmon Recovery

Date: December 12th, 2023
Place: Dayton Best Western
Format: Regular Meeting started at 4:00 p.m.
Board Members in Person: Bill Bowles (GC) Marty Hall (CC), Jon Jones (WC),Brad Johnson (AC), Sean Thurston (CC) Justin Dixon (GC), Kris Fischer (CTUIR), Larry Hooker (WW), Mike Denny (WW)
Board Members on Phone: Todd Kimball (WW), Michael Largent (WC)
Others in Person: Kris Buelow (SRSRB), Ali Fitzgerald (SRSRB), Steve Martin (SRSRB), Annie Byerly (WWCCD), Roland Schirman (Citizen)
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 (9 in person, 2 on phone). Public comment: None. A motion was made by Mike Denny to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Justin Dixon and the Board approved the motion.

Approve Agenda and Consent Agenda:

1. October 2023 Expenses as follows:
    a. (H2SR) RCO: $19,965.00
    b. (H2FW) LE: $9,274.45
    c. (H2B4) BPA: $10,387.89
2. October 24th, 2023 Meeting Notes

Action 1 – A motion was made by Mike Denny to approve the October 24th, 2023 Meeting Notes and October 2023 expenses. Justin Dixon seconded the motion and the Board approved the motion.

Action 2—Dayton Office Lease—Kris and Steve discussed the various office options including renewing the Dayton lease for one more year as well as free office space at WWCC Walla Walla and Clarkston campuses. For now the SRSRB would like to renew the Dayton office for one more year while staff sort out the other options and arrange moving.

Update: WWCCD Project Update—Annie Byerly gave an update on current WWCCD project work including a suite of projects on the Touchet River that are seeking funds through SRSRB, NOAA Transformational Habitat Restoration Grant, and Ecology water quality grants. Specific reaches include river miles 33, 35, and 42.

Discussion: Welcome Steve Martin — Steve Martin reintroduced himself as the new Executive Director having previously served in the same position prior to John Foltz. He briefly summarized past SRSRB history as well as what he envisions for the future. Steve will work closely with staff to get back up to speed as well as get reacquainted with project partners, new initiatives and continue to foster and build relationships.

Action: 2024 Meeting Schedule – Kris provided a brief summary of planned monthly 2024 SRSRB meeting schedule. The SRSRB discussed and were in favor of removing the August meeting from the schedule and keeping the remainder the same, continuing meeting in Dayton.

A motion was made by Brad Johnson to approve the modified SRSRB meeting schedule. The motion was seconded by Kris Fischer and passed by consensus.

Action: 2024 Executive Call Schedule — Kris provided a brief summary of planned executive call schedule. As the August board meeting was removed for 2024, the same call schedule revision was made for August.

A motion was made by Justin Dixon to approve the modified executive call schedule. The motion was seconded by Brad Johnson and passed by consensus.

Update – Announcements and Items of Interest

Executive Call Actions – No actions taken.

RTT Update – Meeting cancelled
Regional Update- Kris attended the COR meeting in Port Townsend that covered topics such as riparian funding, manual 18 updates and coordination among the regions.
Bylaws Update – Kris circulated the SRSRB bylaws which are normally updated in June and are due.

Action: approve January 23rd, 2024 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 Jon Jones to approve January 23rd, 2024 as the next meeting at the Dayton Best Western at 4 PM in Dayton, WA. The Board approved by consensus.

Meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m. by Chair Bowles.

Signed By: Date: January 23, 2024
Bill Bowles, Chair, Snake River Salmon Recovery Board