Date: February 27th, 2024
Place: Dayton Best Western
Format: Regular Meeting started at 4:00 p.m.
Board Members in Person: Jon Jones (WC), Marty Hall (CC), Larry Hooker (WW), Mike Denny (WW), Brian Shinn (AC), Sean Thurston (CC), Billy Bowles (GC), Michael Largent (WC), and Jerry Hendrickson (AC)
Board Members on Phone: Kris Fischer (CTUIR)Brad Johnson (AC), Jerimiah Bonifer, (CTUIR)
Others in Person: Steve Martin, (SRSRB), Kris Buelow (SRSRB), Ali Fitzgerald (SRSRB), and Roland Schirman (Citizen).
Others on Phone: Megan Stewart, Aneesha Dieu, and Frazer with BMLT

Verify Quorum / Agenda Approval and Public Comment

SRSRB chair Bowles called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm and verified a quorum (9 in person, 3 on phone).
No public comment was provided.

A motion was made by Marty Hall to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Mike Denny and the Board approved the motion by consensus.

Action – A motion was made by Brian Shinn to approve the consent agenda as presented which included four items (1) January 2024 expenses (2) $4,200 amendment to NPT partner contract, (3) FY 2024 LE/state fund operating budget (spend plan) and (4) January 23, 2024 Board meeting notes. Jon Jones seconded the motion and the Board approved the motion by consensus.

Discussion Items: /Action:

- **SRSRB Bylaws**

Steve distributed the proposed revisions/edits to the 2021 Board by laws noting that the by laws require the board to update them every two years so we are slightly behind schedule. The suggested edits focused on updating the purpose/role of the board to reflect its current focus/roles which are (1) coordinate and oversee salmon recovery projects and programs aimed at habitat restoration and protection and (2) advise/suggest/recommend actions associated with Hydro, Harvest and Hatchery programs/policies/projects. The Board agreed the suggestions so staff will update the By Laws to reflect accordingly and distribute for one final review with the intent of Board approval at its March meeting.

- **Amendment to Federal Operating budget and Lead Entity program (state funds) discussion**

The Board approved the budget and associated spend plan for the federal budget last month but since that time, the budget was amended by $145,000 by rolling forward unspent funds from the prior biennium. Staff presented a Lead Entity (state budget) spending plan earlier in the meetings (that the board approved in the consent agenda) noting that the state funds cannot roll forward but the federal funds can. The intent is to spend out the state funds by June 30, 2024 so staff presented a spend plan to reflect that goal. A caveat is that in the $305,000 state/lead entity budget is a line item for capital expenses for $46,580 that can only be spent on capital items (or designs that lead directly to a capital

item) and this line item can roll forward into the next state fiscal year. New and emerging information will result in amending that spend plan but the board was asked to approve the "place holders" as shown in table presented on the screen and distributed a week ago to board members. The near-term vision is to use contractors to fill priority gaps (RTT, science, admin and Lead Entity manager support) as we consider transition to staff but that (hiring staff) will take time and we are in need of help now/sooner than later.

Steve is scoping options with WWCC administrative team and the Water Center to see about job-share or other arrangements for the Admin/Operations position and asked a contractor to prepare a draft, straw scope of work for RTT associated services so we can prepare a bid-ready contract and go out to bid. Mike Denny noted that if we use consultants to be clear in any contract that the consultant is directed by the Executive Director, not the Board.

- **Education and Outreach Strategy**

Steve and several board members commented on the importance of education and outreach for current and future efforts of the board noting that the organization has coordinated and overseen the investments of many millions of dollars in conjunction with partners to the betterment of our watersheds and salmon as well as local contractors. The tri state steelheaders regional fisheries enhancement group (RFEG), who have the same geographic scope as the SRSRB and WWCC, have 3 education and outreach specialists. Steve talked with the RFEG executive director about job sharring and partnering with the RFEG on outreach and education. More to follow but it was clear that the board supports brochures, banners, apparel, and other items to recognize the organization at outreach events and opportunities. Staff will enlist the assistance of contractor and vendor and report back on progress at the March meeting.

- **January 31 Salmon Day at the Capital**

Steve joined 60-other organizations (regional fish enhancement groups, lead entities, and regional organizations) the capital that have a unified voice for salmon to the legislature which is reflected in a handout that was provided to the Board. The legislature and Governor have demonstrated strong support for salmon and watershed health and that is reflected in the various versions of the proposed state budget. Steve met with all of the 9th and 16th district legislators except Representative Rude.

- **WWCC Clarkston Campus visit**

Steve met with the dean of the Clarkston campus and discussed ideas and opportunites for a larger presence of the SRSRB on the east side of our recovery region. Dean Chad LAST NAME, was very supportive of the idea and offered classroom, meeting room or office space to us as needed.

Update – Announcements and Items of Interest

- **Executive Call Actions –** No actions taken

- **Lead Entity Grant Round and RTT Update**

Ali provided a high level overview of the recent RTT meeting which was almost exclusively about draft project applications for the three funding categories the Board is responsible for this year (1) lead entity program has about $2M available for projects within our Snake River region (2) large capital projects has $20M for projects statewide and (3) riparian account has $2.4M for riparian type projects within our

region. The Lead Entity Committee will use the existing scorecard to score projects in each of the categories and then the projects specific to the Lead Entity category will be ranked amongst themselves, the Riparian Account projects will be ranked amongst themselves, and the large cap will be ranked amongst themselves with the highest ranked project receiving 6 points, the second highest receives 5 points and so on down the list of 6. The state will accept those "regional priority points" as indicators of regional-specific priorities when it ranks all of the Large Capital projects submitted across the 7 salmon recovery regions.

Other Items

Jerimiah Bonifer with CTUIR, agreed to brief the Board on the Columbia Basin Restoration Initiative at the March board meeting.

Action: March 26th, 2024 Board meeting to be held at the Best Western in Dayton, WA at 4 PM — A motion was made by Jerry Hendrickson and seconded by Larry Hooker to hold the next Board meeting on March 26th, 2024 at the Best Western in Dayton, WA at 4 PM. The Board approved by consensus.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 by Chair Bowles.

Signed By:

Date: March 26, 2024
Bill Bowles, Chair, Snake River Salmon Recovery Board

2022 SRFB Grant Round Final Ranking Summary June 23rd, 2022*

Final Rank	Average Score	Project Name	Project Sponsor	Project Type	RP Final Review	SRFB Request	Project Match	Project Total	Match %
1	144.6	Tucannon PA 26 Phase III/IV Construction***	Columbia Conservation District	Restoration	Cleared	$545,500	$1,042,942	$1,588,442	66%
2	136.4	Asotin Creek PA 6 Construction	Asotin Conservation District	Restoration	Conditioned	$225,000	$80,000	$305,000	26%
3	127.6	Cummings Creek Channel Complexity	Nez Perce Tribe	Restoration	Cleared	$121,986	$55,266	$177,252	31%
4	127.0	Kelly Creek PA45 Restoration	Asotin Conservation District	Restoration	Cleared	$70,000	$30,500	$100,500	30%
5	123.7	Touchet RM 42 Construction	Walla Walla County Conservation Dist.	Restoration	Cleared	$349,504	$351,000	$700,504	50%
6	123.3	Couse Creek PA 78 Restoration	Asotin Conservation District	Restoration	Cleared	$164,500	$70,500	$235,000	30%
7	122.3	Panjab Creek Low-Tech Process-Based Restoration	Trout Unlimited	Restoration	Cleared	$123,131	$22,000	$145,131	15%
8	118.1	Tucannon River Project Area 5-15 Assessment and Design	Confed. Tribes Umatilla Indian Reservation	Planning	Cleared	$150,001	$269,150	$419,151	64%
9	116.9	Asotin Creek PA 11.2 Design	Asotin Conservation District	Planning	Cleared	$96,000	$24,000	$120,000	20%
10	116.5	Tenmile Creek PA 68.1 Construction	Asotin Conservation District	Restoration	Cleared	$43,600	$18,700	$62,300	30%
11	114.6	Asotin Creek PA 3.2 Design	Asotin Conservation District	Planning	Conditioned	$84,000	$21,000	$105,000	20%
12	113.5	Snake Region Beaver Relocation Framework	Trout Unlimited	Restoration	Cleared	$106,231	$28,000	$134,231	21%
13	112.9	Walla Walla River 32.5 Design	Confed. Tribes Umatilla Indian Reservation	Planning	Conditioned	$165,000	$60,000	$225,000	27%
14	111.3	Tumalum Creek LTPBR Phase 4	Pomeroy Conservation District	Restoration	Cleared	$116,325	$21,000	$137,325	15%
15	105.8	Steptoe Creek Culvert Replacement	Palouse Conservation District	Restoration	Cleared	$249,000	$44,000	$293,000	15%
16	100.2	Steptoe Creek PALS Phase II	Palouse Conservation District	Restoration	Cleared	$45,000	$7,941	$52,941	15%
17	85.2	Túuši Wána - Touchet River Design	Confed. Tribes Umatilla Indian Reservation	Planning	Conditioned	$65,000	$160,000	$225,000	71%
18	68.6	McNary National Wildlife Refuge Wallula Unit Design	Confed. Tribes Umatilla Indian Reservation	Planning	Cleared	$150,000	$15,000	$165,000	9%
						$2,869,778	**$2,320,999**		
		^Regional Allocation: $1,688,000 + $1,984,630 = $3,672,630		Amount remaining		**$802,852**			

*Final ranked list as ranked by the Snake River Salmon Recovery Board Lead Entity on June 23rd, 2022. No fatal flaws were identified.

***Tucannon PA26 is seeking funding through SRFB Targeted Investment concurrently. If Targeted Investment funds are received, it will be removed from the project list.

^The regional allocation is $1,688,000 plus an additional $1,984,630 that can be used for 2022 or 2023 grant rounds for total of up to $3,672,630 available for 2022.

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