

# McNary Fisheries Compensation Committee Meeting

Northern Wasco County PUD Meeting Room

2345 River Road, The Dalles, Oregon 97058

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Friday, February 16, 2018, starting at 10am.

**Attending: Rick Korenna, guests – Josie and friend from Immense Imagery. On the phone: Brandon Rogers-Yakama, RD Nelle-USFWS, Erick VanDyke.-ODFW, Blane Bellerud-NMFS, Brian M.-CRITFC.**

## 1. August meeting minute's approval request – done via email.

Last call for edits.

No additional edits, minutes approved, both November meeting and conference call.

## 2. New Proposals, Extension Request or Final Report Presentations.

a. USGS screen angle testing contributed funds processed.

b. USGS juvenile lamprey tracking with acoustic tags processed.

Rick updated the group informing them that the paperwork for both grants has been completed and the checks would be going out on Friday, the 16<sup>th</sup>.

## 3. Other new business, agenda additions, etc.

a. MFCC Website presentation/overview

Josie with Immense Imagery was present to walk committee members through the web site. Comments were mostly positive and sparse. Blane suggested we add more related imagery, of projects, accomplishments, what we have done as well as why we do it.

Brian asked about the impetus for our own website. Korenna explained it was because the PUD got a new web host that wasn't willing to archive our historical files.

Brian also expressed concern about the potential increase in applications with this increased exposure.

Suggesting a balance of fewer better projects might be better than a bunch of mediocre projects. Brian also wanted to confirm that the cost of the website wasn't coming out of the trust fund, which it isn't.

Rick expressed his hope that as a repository for archival and current documents, it would be a useful tool for committee members to view and download documents.

Blane suggested the final reports of funded grants should be added as well.

Erick also thought it could be a useful tool for committee members, applicants and interested parties.

Members were encouraged to send comments, suggestions and verbiage that they would like to see on the web site to Rick. Korenna requested that members think about quotes they would like to have added. Perhaps about their agency or their agencies view of the MFCC, or quotes from them regarding the positive work the committee strives to accomplish, or results of that positive work. Point is, we need more content.

**To Do: All: submit quotes, photos, suggestions, or edits regarding the website to Rick**

**Rick: work with Josie to add content and incorporate changes.**

b. Grant Evaluation Table - I will update if I make any progress on this.

Update is that no more work has been done on this. Look for something by the next meeting.

**To Do: Rick-continue to build and populate table in preparation for group grant evaluation activity at next meeting.**

c. 2017 Annual Report

Rick presented a draft version of the 2017 Annual Report and asked for comments. Blane thought it looked fine. No changes were noted so I will finalize and distribute.

**To Do: Rick Finalize and distribute.**

d. Contributed Funds to USGS – bang for the buck or risky business?

We did open this topic up to discussion and considerable discussion was generated.

Rick opened by saying he thought it was OK so far, largely because of the biologists that have used the program. He likes the cost savings but is uneasy with the departure from protocol.

Brandon said he is ok with it until something goes wrong.

RD said if it helps save money for on the ground work he is for it.

Brian said he felt the same but was concerned about the possibility of other agencies wanting to use this method. No one knew if it was a possibility for their agency.

Erick and Rick commented on the importance of applications addressing our criteria, and one of our criteria is to limit overhead.

RD commented that OH is part of most proposals so limiting it should make more available for the work.

Erick added the only risk was that they wouldn't report but that was minimal because most biologists want to report their work/results. RD mentioned that a report requirement may be part of another funding contributor.

Blane suggested that the final report be added to the website for each grant.

In summary, the consensus was that it is a good way to reduce OH, it has worked well so far, the grant amounts have been small so the risk is acceptable.

#### 4. Grant Updates, work progress and financial activity.

##### Active-Open Grants

- a. Upper Yakima River Restoration Project-KCT- See update from Mitch. Based on the update, it is obvious that another extension will be needed so Rick asked for a vote on that question. A roll call vote was taken and all were in favor of the extension.

**To Do: Rick will fill out a Vote Record Vote and prepare an extension amendment for the folder.**

##### Closed but Update Worthy

- b. Swauk Creek Restoration-Yakama Nation
- c. PIT Tagging Spring Chinook Parr-WDFW
- d. Facilities Inventory and RME for Lamprey-CRITFC Brian mentioned that much of the document will be used in a document being prepared for ISRP that will be a master plan for artificial propagation.
- e. Lamprey Screen Type Testing – USGS
- f. Lamprey Habitat Restoration Guide – Methow Salmon Recovery Foundation
- g. Cle Elum River Restoration- KCT
- h. Yakama Beaver Project- MCFEG
- i. Evaluation of Tucannon Restoration Work-WDFW –

#### 5. Change Forms

#### 6. Website updates

We will be able to view the working copy, not yet released to the public. In fact, you can view it now at [Mcnary-proofsites.squarespace.com](http://Mcnary-proofsites.squarespace.com)

I encourage you to take a look and generate comments.

This was discussed in new business.

**Next Meeting Date:** Mid May