

McNary Fisheries Compensation Committee Meeting

**Northern Wasco County PUD Meeting Room
2345 River Road, The Dalles, Oregon 97058**

The link to Webex meeting was emailed to everyone and will be used for the presentations. I will email the presentations out as I get them so you can follow along at your computer should webex not work.

Your audio connection is up to you, Webex offers a few options visible once you are connected.

I will have the conference phone set up as backup. That number is 1-971-256-0996, the passcode is 148967. My cell number is 541-980-7727 if you need to call me. [Updated 5/13/2019](#)

Thursday, May 16, 2019, 1 pm.

Attending: In Person-Rick M.- PUD, Blaine P.-CRITFC, by phone/webex - Erick V.-ODFW, RD N.-USFWS, Patrick V.-WDFW, Brandon R.-YN, Blane B.-NMFS. Presenters- Winston Morton-ODFW, Hans Smith-YNF.

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

Last call for edits.

Approval of minutes was not requested but I will consider them final unless I receive additional comments.

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

a. Wallowa River – McDaniel Fish Habitat Restoration Project Phase 3, ODFW- Winston Morton

Winston presented this proposal using a PP presentation. He started with a history of the landowner and site and then went through the work done in the first two phases. Essentially the work undertaken by the first two phases was to undue all the work/damage done in the past. The stream was straightened and moved to the bottom of a slope so they moved it back out onto the floodplain and added meanders, they added LWD and did a lot of riparian planting. Both phase one and phase two were successful in restoring some complexity, lots of riparian plant cover large wood, sinuosity, and some pools. What they realized over the years and in review of the work now is that it still lacks complexity and cover and pools that are created by more complex wood in the water. So in phase 3 they want to put more whole trees in the water so the branches create 'fish condos'. Multiple, complex, layers of juvenile fish rearing habitat. That is what they want to accomplish with phase 3.

Rick asked a few questions,

How big is the cattle operation? Winston didn't give me a number but he did emphasize that McDaniel was very willing to try limited grazing and listen to Winston if it had too much impact on the riparian or floodplain.

Will grazing be allowed in the project area and on the river? Winston- Maybe, to control reed canary grass but Winston trusts him to follow a grazing plan set up in advance.

Did the GRMW agree to fund the project? No, they want to see a more complete design, say 90%.

Rick also asked Winston, should he be asked to submit a full application, to specify what MMF money would be used for. Something not specified in the current budget.

What he presented was the 30% design and it was presented as a preliminary proposal so our decision is to ask for a full proposal or not. Minimal discussion ensued after the presentation or at the end of the meeting but I believe we don't need any to ask for a full application.

TO DO: Everyone should email me with your vote on whether or not to ask for a full proposal. I will fill out a Vote Record Form and execute the committees' wishes via communication with Winston.

b. Scaffold Camp Acquisition #2, Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, Madeleine Eckmann and Hans Smith.

Hans Smith made this presentation starting with some history of the area and the geography of the drainage. He showed documentation of chinook and steelhead spawning activity in the area in the past. He talked a lot about the development in the area and the pending development they hope to prevent with this purchase. He also discussed some of the planned improvements for this section of river should the purchase go through. RD asked if the money for the improvements was in place and Hans said it wasn't. RD also asked about assurances that the property would stay undeveloped and owned by the Yakama Nation. Hans said it depends on the language in the agreement. Basically he said there is no promise of continued conservation if it made sense to sell the property sometime in the future. Brandon added that is not the intent when the Yakama Nation buys property like this. Hans added that if sold there may be a provision that the money used to buy the property be reimbursed.

Patrick asked if the area would be open for public use, Hans said generally no, liability reasons prevent them from opening up the area, although it would not be posted.

Blaine asked how much property like this the Yakama Nation owned. Hans said 25- 30 acres, the property adjacent to the one being discussed, about 13 miles of river front.

I think that is most of the discussion. The proposal was not discussed once Hans had left. It was agreed to reconvene to discuss this since there are unknowns and questions about this type of grant not yet discussed.

To Do: Rick will start a doodle poll for a webex conference call.

Blane and Erick: since your schedules are so tight, send Rick 3 or 4 dates and times that work for you.

3. Other new business, agenda additions, etc.

Next two items tabled until next meeting, kicking this can down the road until we can have a good face to face turnout.

- a. Grant Evaluation Table - review format, consider utility and decide to pursue or not.
- b. Logo selection- review current designs, decide on one or decide to redesign.

4. Grant Updates, work progress and financial activity.

Active-Open Grants

- a. Upper Yakima River Restoration Project-KCT- [see update](#)
- b. Screen Angle Testing- [see final report](#)
- c. Juvenile Lamprey Tracking – [see updates from Theresa](#)
- d. Yakima Wood Fiesta – North Fork Manastash & Lower Umtanum Creeks, [see update](#)
- e. Wallowa-Baker Habitat Restoration Project – [Winston Morton to give verbal update with pictures](#)
- f. Non Native Predator Recruitment Reduction – [see updates from Geoff.](#)
- g. Yakima River Mile 25 Thermal Refuge, [see update](#)

Closed but Update Worthy

- h. Swauk Creek Restoration-Yakama Nation
- i. Lamprey Habitat Restoration Guide – Methow Salmon Recovery Foundation
- j. Cle Elum River Restoration- KCT
- k. Yakama Beaver Project- MCFEG

5. Change Forms

6. Website updates

No progress on updating, will continue to work on this.

7. Next Meeting Date: Mid-August