**Skagit Watershed Council**

**Phone Meeting of the Board of Directors – Final Notes**

**April 7, 2016 SWC Office, Mount Vernon, WA**

(**\* indicates action item**; \_\_ indicates decision)

Attendance: Chair Ken Dahlstedt, Richard Brocksmith, Carolyn Kelly, Michael Kirshenbaum, and Colleen McShane.

Not in attendance: Steve Hinton, Brendan Brokes, John Vanderheyden, and Jon-Paul Shannahan.

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 am without a quorum. Due to the lack of a quorum, those participating **\*agreed to meet in person on May 5, 2016 – a meeting that was previously scheduled as a conference call.**

**Agenda Items Discussed**

4-Year Work Plan:

Michael asked Richard to clarify the 4-year work plan process vs other submissions in the grant round. Richard responded that individual acquisition and riparian projects at the site scale were not listed individually but in one cumulative line item (one for acquisition and one for riparian) so as to keep it simple. So, a proposed project like the Nookachamps riparian planting is included via that generalized line item. Colleen clarified that this list of projects was affirmed by TWG as being consistent with our strategic approaches and viable for near-term implementation.

Richard clarified that this is not a wish list; they are projects that could move forward and just lack momentum and/or money. All projects that were either completed or postponed or added since 2014 are shown in a one-page reference sheet. In context of the 4-year plan, Richard expressed a future desire to put these projects on a map for a general audience.

**\*Colleen said the attached reference sheet was very helpful, but asked Richard carry over the chart headers to subsequent pages before submitting the work plan.**

To the suggestion that email approval be sought from those not present, Richard replied that seeking email approval does not concur with the Bylaws which encourage the Board to work together via simultaneous communication**.**

**\*Regarding approval of 4-Year Work Plan, those present felt that Richard’s only choice since the plan is already a bit late (as agreed it would be at the last Board meeting) is to go ahead and submit the work plan and seek approval at the May Board meeting. Richard indicated he will talk with a couple more people before submitting the plan.**

**\*Ken will bring to the Board a conference call procedure to target items requiring a vote to be moved to a short 10-minute period of the meeting so that work requiring a decision can proceed.** That way, those who couldn’t participate for the whole meeting, could make a best effort to participate for the vote only.

SRFB vs PSAR Allocations:

Carolyn brought up a caution regarding the explanation on procedures for determining SRFB vs PSAR allocations. Are we willing to phase? There may be an expectation that everyone will get money. This shouldn’t be perceived as a process to figure out everyone to get funding at some level. Highest priority projects with the biggest benefit for salmon. She feels there wasn’t clarity on this and it led to people last year switching budgets around to get some funding. Ken agreed that the intent of the process is to fund quality beneficial projects only, but if they meet that threshold then it may very well be appropriate to see how to fund critical aspects of each to keep multiple initiatives progressing towards our broader goal.

New Business - Need to Elect SWC Officers

Ken expressed that when the Board elects officers, members should be thinking about who might want to serve in a leadership role in the future so as to maintain the integrity of the organization.

Community Engagement Committee:

Richard offered to speak with anyone regarding questions or concerns on his proposal for reestablishing the committee. Michael expressed interest in the SLT finding ways to integrate with the committee. Colleen reiterated the need for the committee as expressed over the past few years. She deferred to Richard given proposed membership and his role as the temporary Chair. Others present had no expressed concerns and were supportive of moving forward.

Items not discussed:

* Board Notes for January 27, 2016 and March 3, 2016 and February Financial Reports will be approved at the next meeting.
* Lead Entity Program Update
* 2016 – Schedule; Letters of Intent; Technical Review Committee and Lead Entity Citizen Committee membership (#7)

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 9:28 am.