

Skagit Watershed Council – Final Notes (#2)

Meeting of the Board of Directors, SWC Office – March 5, 2020

(Underline indicates decision point; parentheses indicate attachment #; ***bold indicates action item**)

Attendance: Chair Ken Dahlstedt, Andrew Bearlin, Bill Blake, Michael Kirshenbaum, John Stein, Jon-Paul Shannahan (by phone at 9:20), and Jon Vanderheyden. Staff included Richard Brocksmith and Aundrea McBride (notes).

Not in attendance: Brendan Brokes

Call to Order 9:00 am

- Introductions, Determine Quorum, and Approve Agenda (#1)
 - Quorum present as of 9:00am
 - Added Skiyou project discussion to the agenda
 - revised agenda approved-- Motion by Bill, second by John, carries unanimously.
- Approved Board Notes: January 9, 2020 (#2) with no changes—Motion by Michael, second by John, carries unanimously.

Executive Directors Report

- Approved January Financial Reports (#3)—Motion by Jon, second by John, carries unanimously. ***Request to include reserve funds statement in future financial reports.**
- Richard reported on Technical Work Group and Community Engagement Committee meetings. CEC's chair, Alex du Pont, has had a staffing change and has had to resign. The committee recommends Holli Watne, and the Board agreed to this appointment. ***Other recommendations for M&AM Subcommittee and TWG will follow next month, with a more comprehensive discussion on the agenda.**
 - **M&AM has finished M&AM report and *will be asked to adopt the report at their next meeting, rather than be adopted by the TWG or Board. *It then goes to the TWiG for habitat strategy planning and to the Board for policy considerations. *The 'governance' portion of the M&AM Report (now a standalone document) needs to be reviewed by the Board soon as well.**

New Business

- The quarterly Council of Members meeting has been previously scheduled for the end of March. ***It will be canceled per State and County recommendation that all meetings of**

more than 10 people be canceled if possible due to the novel corona virus. Any critical information that would have been presented may be sent out in email instead.

- The Skagit Rivers System Cooperative has asked that Steve Hinton be replaced by Devin Smith on the SWC Board. Per SWC Bylaws, the Board can consider replacements for remaining vacant terms and directly nominate to the Council of Members for approval. This can be done by proxy vote. Michael moved and John seconded sending Devin's nomination to the full Council, which carried unanimously. ***Staff will send this information out ASAP, including a call for Director Nominations for the future.**
 - ***A nominations committee was formed to work on a slate of candidates for June and September. The committee will include at least Michael Kirshenbaum, Jon Vanderheyden, Brendan Brokes, and Tim Manns (if he is willing and able).**

Old Business

- Transfer of Skiyou-Ross Island Reach Planning Project – Since our last meeting, Steve Hinton, now of the Salish Alliance, has so far been unable to garner tribal support, including from the original project proponent SRSC, for the Skiyou project to be transferred to his new organization. As of this morning, Salish Alliance resubmitted the proposal into the 2020 grant round. As a result, the 2018 Skiyou proposal is officially dead and thus not funded. Returned PSAR funds can be utilized by SWC for a specific project immediately or put into the 2020 grant round, ***which will be discussed again in April.** All new proposals for this specific work will go through the regular, competitive procedure for the 2020 grant round. ***Richard will communicate this to Steve.**

Good of The Order

- SCL public meeting regarding licensing has been canceled per State recommendation that any meeting with more than 10 people be canceled.
- Ken went to D.C. and talked with EPA and representatives about several salmon recovery-related topics, including fish barrier corrections.

Adjourned at 10:15 am