



Fish Restoration & Enhancement Program Board Meeting Minutes

Date: May 8, 2020

Location: Telephonic Meeting

Current Fish Restoration & Enhancement Program (R&E) Board Members

Board Member	Board Member
Dave Grosjacques – Representing Recreational Fisheries	Ray Monroe – Representing Commercial Troll Fisheries
Rich Heap – Representing Recreational Fisheries	Kay Brown – Representing the Public
Cary Johnson – Representing Gillnet Fisheries	Susan Chambers - Representing Fish Processing Industry
Yancy Lind – Representing Recreational Fisheries	

Call to Order & Introductions

Chair Rich Heap called the Fish Restoration and Enhancement (R&E) Program Board meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and roll call was taken.

Meeting Agenda Approval

The Board reviewed the proposed meeting agenda.

Motion: D. Grosjacques motioned to approve the meeting agenda as written. The motion was seconded by C. Johnson and approved by the Board 7-0.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed the January 16, 2020 meeting minutes.

Motion: K. Brown motioned to approve the January 16, 2020 meeting minutes as written. The motion was seconded by D. Grosjacques and approved by the Board 7-0.

Department Updates

Bruce McIntosh provided the Board with a budget update. All funding types are taking a hit due to the virus/quarantine/lockdown. The Department is going through budget reduction exercises in anticipation of the May 20 economic report. Staff are finding ways to reduce spending along with a hiring freeze.

Kevin Herkamp provided an overview of savings he has identified in the administrative funds and project that will not be going forward this biennium.

Project Updates

(See PowerPoint)

Bryce Hansen provided an update the angler improvement projects at Marr Pond and Junction City. Was able to make modifications to the original plans at Marr Pond and should be able to save around \$190,000. Work being done through Toledo High School is on hold but have been able to provide them with metal that was purchased for a different project. They have been great to work with.

Mike Gauvin provided an update to the Statewide Trout Stock Evaluation (Tag Reward) project. Due to the stay at home orders the project will not be started this spring as originally planned. The equipment has been purchased and is being stored at headquarters until it can be used. Would like to request using the funds in the 2021-2023 biennium if possible.

Budget Update

(See memo dated May 4, 2020)

Kevin Herkamp provided a program budget update. Would like to modify certain budgets to adjust for decline in license sales.

The following projects were delayed and would like to be approved to cross into the next biennium.

- 19-002 Statewide Trout Stock Evaluation (Tag Reward)
- 19-008 Internships Invasive Fish Removal in High Lakes
- 19-014 Upper Phillips Dam Passage & Ditch Efficiency

Motion: D. Grosjacques motioned to approve that projects 19-002, 19-008 and 19-014 be allowed to cross into the 2021-2023 biennium. The motion was seconded by R. Monroe and approved by the Board 7-0.

Construction Project Manager – would like approval to modify the original funding request. Would like to shift \$20,000 from the Pilot Maintenance Program to personnel costs.

Motion: K. Brown motioned to approve the shift in funds for the Construction Project Manager position. The motion was seconded by D. Grosjacques and approved by the Board 7-0.

The Board also approves the administrative hold from the emergency account and Mini-Grant account as requested.

Emergency Requests and Modifications

- A request for emergency funding to assist with fin-clipping at Rhoades Pond was approved. Due to the virus, volunteers were unable to participate so funding was needed for the fin-clipping trailer.
- Amendment Request was received for Project 19-023 (Mapping Habitat Focus Areas). The request is to modify the existing budget without an increase in funding.

Motion: K. Brown motioned to approve the amendment request for R&E Project 19-023. The motion was seconded by D. Grosjacques and approved by the Board 7-0.

Project Proposal Review & Recommendations

The Board reviewed the following project proposals.

Due to funding constraints, it might be wise to defer any actions until the September 2020 meeting.

R&E Project 19-025 Distribution of the parasite *C. shasta* in the LCR

Kris Homel was available by telephone to answer any questions.

Motion: Y. Lind motioned to defer action on R&E Project 19-025 until the September 2020 meeting. K. Brown seconded the motion and it was approved by the Board 7-0.

R&E Project 19-026 Wyeth River Access Enhancement

Scott McBride was available by telephone to answer any questions.

Questions/Comments from Board

The Board asked if there would be an impact to the project if action were deferred. The applicant replied it could affect the in-water working period needed. There comments from the Board regarding angler use versus the use by inner tubes floating this section.

Motion: Y. Lind motioned to defer action on R&E Project 19-026 until the September 2020 meeting. K. Brown seconded the motion and it was approved by the Board 7-0.

R&E Project 19-027 Cloverdale Boat Ramp Access Improvement

Mike Sinnott was available by telephone to answer any questions.

In response to if this project could wait until the September meeting for action, the applicant replied that paving this summer would be preferred. If not funded for this summer, the District would need to maintain the area over another winter, which costs more money.

Motion: D. Grosjacques motioned to fund R&E Project 19-027 for \$6,000 from the emergency account. The motion was seconded by S. Chambers and was approved by the Board 5-2 (N=Lind, Johnson).

Public Comment

No public comment

2021-2023 Biennium Meeting Schedule

(See proposal)

Kevin Herkamp provided a draft of the 2021-2023 biennium Board Meeting Schedule for the Board to discuss.

The first meeting (Cycle 1) for the next biennium would be a 2-day meeting on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 in Salem. The proposal is to have two meetings a year with one meeting would be dedicated to a field tour. Meetings would occur in March and September. The proposal does not include the field tours.

Motion: C. Johnson motioned to approved the proposed 2021-2023 Biennium Meeting Schedule. D. Grosjacques seconded the motion and it was approved by the Board 7-0.

As things stand now we will still plan to have the September meeting in Brookings.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.