

**Boardman River Dams Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 27, 2007; 6:00 – 8:00PM**

Boardman River Dams Committee Statement of Purpose:

“To engage all interests in assessing and recommending the fate of the dams on the main stem of the Boardman River based upon a thorough analysis of options, including long and short-term economic, social, environmental, aesthetic, transportation and ecological impacts upon the community, individuals and riparian owners.”

Attendees:

Tom Allerton, Dennis Aloia, Ron Alpers, Robin Beardsley, Annette Benson, Christopher Buday, Brian Bury, Bruce Carpenter, Craig Cunningham, Dagmar Cunningham, Becky Ewing, Brett Fessell, Burr Fisher, James Grant, Carole Groves, Jan Hauser, Bruce Hooper, Meral Jackson, Jennifer Jay, Linda Johnson, Robin Johnson, Mark Johnson, Evan Johnstone, Todd Kalish, Joe Kaltenbach, David Kelly, Andy Knott, Bill Lane, Steve Largent, Herb Lemcool, Mark Lewis, Richard Lewis, Christine Maxbauer, Al Morse, Troy Naperala, John Nelson, Amy Packard, Scott Parker, Jim Pawloski, Carl Platz, Jim Pryor, Ben Purdy, Linda Racine, Tom Rozich, Grace Rudd, Robert Rudd, Bill Scharf, Gabe Schneider, Jim Schramm, Tim Schreiner, Mike Slater, Sandra Sroonian, Jeff Taylor, Jason Thompson, Tom Wertz, Sharon Wise, John Wyrwas, Pete Zirnhelt, (others – no name recorded)

I. Introductions

Steve Largent is co-facilitator at this meeting; Steve attended the “Effective Meetings and Facilitation Skills” training and has been facilitating the Bottomlands Task Team meetings.

II. Review Agenda

III. Approve or Amend February Minutes

Meeting minutes from February were approved as written.

IV. Review of March 14th BRDC meeting- Todd Kalish and Jennifer Jay

Before the public DEQ meeting regarding the drawdown permit, there had been a scheduled Implementation Team meeting to act on the two Work Orders, however, both the Scoping Team and the Finance Team felt that they needed more time to review. Therefore, IT will act tonight.

V. Recommendation to the Implementation Team to accept and approve two Work Orders for the Engineering and Feasibility Study – Michael Donahue

IT members were identified; Michael then reported on the status of the Work Orders, stating that they had received much review and it was now appropriate to act on the recommendation to approve. The first WO addresses identification of issues associated with the Boardman Pond drawdown. IT had asked the Scoping Team to review and comment. Michael sent draft to the Scoping Team with comments; consensus was reached within the Scoping Team through a series of conference calls and meetings. Revisions were appropriate; some items were eliminated and the budget was adjusted accordingly. The second Work Order deals with baseline economic and social analysis. The WO was reviewed and approved by the Finance team with recommendation that the WO be clarified with the Scope of Work to provide more detail regarding deliverables and to connect with funds being used. The BRDC membership was then asked for questions and/or comments regarding the two WO's; none were offered.

VI. Implementation Team Action-Todd Kalish

Todd commented that both WO's had received plenty of scrutiny; comments and suggestions were respected and incorporated. Todd then reviewed the “Thumb Check” process used by the Implementation Team for acceptance. Thumbs down= cannot support; thumb sideways=agree to support team; thumb up=agreement. The two work orders were acted on separately; both were

approved with one IT member abstaining from acting on the Boardman Pond related workorder. Appreciation was given to all who worked to get the WO's completed.

VII. Standing and Task Team Updates

- **Communications and Outreach Team Report – Sandra Sroonian**

- The newsletter is complete, and has been distributed for review
- The Orientation packet has been completed and distributed to first time meeting attendees
- The brochure comp should be available by April 24
- The poster will be 11x17, full color, for distribution and posting at trailheads. Done by end of April
- The Power Point will be completed by the 30th and can be modified as we go forward
- Final two logo designs will be completed by April 12.

Next Communications meeting: Thursday, April 12, 9 am, Jennifer Jay's office, University Center, Room 211

- **Finance and Fund Development Team Report – Brett Fessell**

Brett reported that the Finance Team met on March 20 to review the WO's and to move them on to the IT. Brett also commented on the progress of the Tribal Wildlife Grant that is being used to gather baseline data in conjunction with ECT. He stated that the original grant proposal was purposely left vague and is now being refined to reflect the ECT approved SOW.

The Finance Team is also working on a spreadsheet that will be used to track in-kind donations, using the CRA model. Accrued in-kind donations are backlogged; a plea went out to the BRDC for volunteers to help enter info. Please contact Jennifer or Brett.

Michael Donahue reported on two grants currently being pursued; one with Fish and Wildlife Coastal Grants and the other with the Great Lakes Protection Fund. The goal is to have a complete list of opportunities to present by the next BRDC meeting. It was suggested that this might be done on a Power Point that would also match the grants to the specific SOW to be addressed, and could then apply specific funds to each. Scott Parker will provide details at the next BRDC meeting showing how each work order, as well as work being performed by USACE and others, work stemming from the TWG funding, etc. all aligns with the original SOW.

Please note: Finance Team meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of each month.

Next Finance Team meeting: Tuesday, April 17, 9:00 am, Jennifer Jay's office, University Center, Room 211

- **Property Owners Issues Team Report**

The Property Owners Issues team meeting, April 10th from 6:00 – 8:00pm, has been moved to the Great Lakes Campus (which is the same building as the Hagerty Center), Room 112. The Team will discuss issues related to the Nyal Deems report of January 23rd and to brainstorm options regarding ownership and use of the bottomlands. This meeting is open to all interested parties.

Jennifer Jay reported that she, Becky Ewing, Todd Kalish and Jim McIntyre conducted a conference call with Nyal Deems for clarification on title search questions. Varnum is in the process of completing the title search back to the 1890's. Varnum has also capped their budget at the original estimate. Everything beyond that original amount will be considered in-kind, roughly 12k to date.

All are welcome at the next POIT meeting. The Bottomlands Management team will be in attendance. Jim McIntyre and John Wyrwas will develop the agenda.

Next POIT meeting: Tuesday, April 10th, 6:00 pm, Great Lakes Campus, Room 112

- **Bottomlands Task Force Team Report – Ben Purdy**

The Bottomlands Task team has met on March 19 to look over the ECT work Order.

The team worked to identify immediate management concerns associated with the Boardman Pond drawdown. The Team addressed:

- The safety and use of exposed bottomlands; warning signs were placed in key areas warning that the area was potentially very dangerous to humans, dogs and wildlife.
- Private property impact: various members of the Team walked with Ron Alpers through his property on March 21st to record impact and changes
- Nesting loons: A floating nesting platform will be installed.
- Boat Launch: To be determined

Discussion: Ron Alpers expressed concerns regarding the monitoring of the effects of the drawdown. He is very concerned about the large areas of standing sediment. Is anyone tracking? ECT and Don Tilton have set fixed photo points and are recording changes. Some photo's are on display. Ron shared that his son is recording data as part of a class at Symatec. Jennifer Jay asked if young Alpers might be willing to share his documentation with the BRDC at an upcoming meeting? Yes, Ron will work to arrange that. Bruce Carpenter has observed large chunks of river bank eroding. It is very unstable. Warning signs have been posted. Does ECT have a monitor plan in place for the full 17 foot drawdown? ECT is working to fast track plan to stabilize shoreline and sediment before full drawdown deadline is close.

Next Bottomlands Management meeting: with POIT, Tuesday, April 10th, 6:00 pm, Great Lakes Campus, Room 112**VIII. Army Corps of Engineers Update – Carl Platz:**

The fiscal '07 budget has been approved and Carl was pleased to report that \$225K has been approved to coordinate with ECT for fiscal year 2006/07! This will be used for various collaborations, including hydraulic modeling, collection of engineering data, support for surveys, and structural evaluation of the dams.

Discussion: How much of the work this year will address property owners concerns with erosion, etc? Much of the work will apply to erosion...quantifying sediment in the river, sediment transport, geomorphic assessment...all will relate to POIT issues. Will this allocation of funds be enough to analyze all three impoundments? More funds will be needed. How do we harmonize SOW? Carl will be the point of contact for the USACE. As discussed during the Finance Team update, ECT is creating a document reflecting the alignment of all efforts to the original SOW.

IX. Consultant Team Update – Scott Parker

Scott thanked the BRDC for the approval of the two WO's! ECT will continue to coordinate with the Tribe and USACE on engineering work, surveys etc.

X. Update: Status of Maintenance Agreement and equipment- Dennis Aloia

Dennis Aloia stated that the Maintenance Agreement is in place and that the TCLP has been very cooperative. TCLP had begun to remove turbines and generators. County sent a letter requesting that TCLP leave all equipment in place in case resuming power becomes an option in the future. TCLP agrees to do so for 2 years with the following stipulations:

1. The County agrees to insure and maintain the equipment
2. TCLP retains dollar value after 2 years

The Settlement Agreement does state that the equipment will be removed but does not specify when. The County is working out details; TCLP needs to know by April 17th. There appears to be some questions regarding ownership of the equipment in question. Comments and concerns can be presented at the next County meeting

XI. Meeting and Process Evaluation – Break out session

Jennifer Jay asked that the membership address evaluation sheets on each table, taking time to address the process. How are we doing? What works? What doesn't? Time was given for group discussion. It was apparent that there was not enough time at this meeting to complete the evaluation forms, thus Jennifer requests that forms be returned to her prior to the next BRDC meeting.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

Agenda items for May meeting

Standing and Task team reports

Consultant Team update

Brauer Productions

ECT to show all work orders and other work being done as it relates to full SOW, including costs

Process evaluation – findings (if available)

Next BRDC monthly meeting: April 24, 2007, Civic Center, 6 pm

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00 p.m.

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