Location: Traverse City Governmental Center, Training Room
400 Boardman Avenue
Traverse City, MI 49684

**Boardman River Dams Implementation Team**

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**APPROVED Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** June 21, 2012

**Facilitator:** Frank Dituri, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians

**Notes:** Nate Winkler, Conservation Resource Alliance

**IT Members Present:**
Frank Dituri, Brett Fessell (Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians)
Andy Knott (Watershed Center Grand Traverse Bay)
Mary Gillis (Grand Traverse County Road Commission)
Jim Schramm (Michigan Hydro Relicensing Coalition)
Nate Winkler (Conservation Resource Alliance)
Ben Bifoss (City of Traverse City)
Jim Cooper (Traverse City Light and Power Department)
Steve Largent (Grand Traverse Conservation District)
Rick Westerhof (US Fish and Wildlife Service)

**IT Members Absent:**
Becky Ewing (Rotary Camps and Services)
Heather Hettinger (Michigan Department of Natural Resources)
Jim Pawloski (Michigan Department of Environmental Quality)
Dean Bott (Grand Traverse County)
Brian VanDenBrand (Charter Township of Garfield)
6:00  **Introductions** – Introductions were made by those in attendance.

6:05-6:05  **Public comment** – None.

6:05-6:10  **Additions/deletions to the agenda** – (*denotes added items)
Discussion of possible change in meeting time and moving the evening meetings back to daytime due to low public attendance (Ben Bifoss).

**Review and potential approval of the May 17, 2012 meeting minutes:**
**discussion/decision item (Dituri)** – Approved with no discussion.

**Review action items from May IT meeting: report (Winkler)** – Nate Winkler indicated there were no new action items from the last meeting, just the outstanding items noted below;

- CRA (Winkler) to develop a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding bottomlands restoration and management. The MOU will be generated using language from the draft bottomlands matrix, the 2005 Settlement Agreement and requirements of the Joint Permit as a basis. **Winkler noted that he was going to hold off on generating the MOU until after the bottomlands matrix being developed by the District was complete**
- A document illustrating the mechanics of payment flow between/among AMEC, the City, and the Watershed Center needs to be generated.

6:10-6:10  **Army Corps/URS Update: report** – None

6:10-6:20  **Meeting time change: discussion (Bifoss)** – Ben Bifoss suggested that a change in IT meeting start time from 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. be considered as there was a conflict with that time due to another meeting he was required to attend. In addition, due to the low public attendance observed during the last two evening meetings, it was suggested that the remaining evening dates be changed back to daytime. After a brief discussion, both changes were agreed upon by the IT.

**Action Item:** Nate Winkler to have 1) new IT meeting start time and 2) change of evening back to daytime meetings announcements posted as well as distributed to Boardman project interested parties.

6:20-6:35  **AMEC update: report (Peter Neithercut)** – Peter Neithercut provided a brief update regarding AMEC’s efforts in implementing the local project (Brown Bridge and Sabin dams);
• Molon was chosen as the preferred contractor for the Brown Bridge dam demolition and channel restoration work
• Molon’s alternative proposal for a dewatering structure will cost an additional amount to be designed and sealed by a professional engineer
• The alternative dewatering design will subsequently be submitted to MDEQ for approval
• Provided that AMEC’s legal department is hesitant to enter into a construction management agreement with the City and the Grand Traverse Band—the implications of having contracts with two different nations for the same project as being too unwieldy
• DJ Shook with the Grand Traverse Band had suggested carving out some of the tasks to a certain dollar amount and contract directly with the City
• A contest of the Joint Permit Application (JPA) and subsequent potential permit may occur which could lead to a delay in the project

Jim Schramm asked as to the potential for the sediment release quantification to be complete as Consumers Power is extremely interested for the development of the retirement plans for their own projects. Consumers’ would like to project the sediment management costs to complete the retirement plans.

**Action Item:** Jim Schramm to inquire of Consumers Power the potential for them to pay towards a sediment management study at Brown Bridge as it would behoove them to know that information for their own projects.

6:35-6:45  **Contract status-Grand Traverse Band, AMEC, Watershed Center: discussion (IT)**
• Peter Neithercut reported that most issues have been resolved in the proposed AMEC contract with the City and that within a day or two, should be complete.
• Provided that AMEC’s legal department is hesitant to enter into a construction management agreement with the City and the Grand Traverse Band—the implications of having contracts with two different nations for the same project as being too unwieldy
• Andy Knott noted that the Watershed Center has been in discussions with the EPA to review/discuss contract issues and how the flow of GLRI funds would occur.

6:45-6:50  **Fundraising activity report and fundraising updates: report (CRA)**
Nate Winkler indicated that there hadn’t been any updates of note since the last meeting but the fundraising table will be revised in the near future as announcements regarding funding are imminent.
Communications update: report (CRA) – Winkler reviewed Communications work for the month including the following:
- On-going media relations
- Updates to website

In addition, Frank Dituri noted that Bob Jackson, Bureau of Indian Affairs, will be in Traverse City on Sunday, June 24th to tour the project. Dituri also noted that the “Healing Our Waters” conference in Cleveland (September) was looking for a Boardman project presentation.

Andy Knott noted that the Grand Traverse Business News called the Watershed Center looking for information regarding the project and directed them to contact CML.

Jim Schramm asked about the restoration article to follow up the Michigan TU article. CML would be taking over that task with the article eventually going to Schramm to pass along for publication. CML also would be generating an informational letter to Boardman River property owners describing likely effects the project will have on the appearance of the river downstream of the Brown Bridge project. The letter will be vetted through both the District and the IT.

Prosperity Plan/Stewardship update: report (Knott) – Andy Knott provided the following update regarding the Prosperity Plan;
- Community meetings have been scheduled for June 26, 27, and 28th and are geared toward presenting the economic aspects of the Prosperity Plan.

Bottomlands update: report (Largent) – Steve Largent reported the following;
- Next Bottomlands Team meeting will be July 19th, 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. at the Boardman River Nature Center
- Continuing to acquire large wood for eventual in-channel installation
- Continuing to work on draft bottomlands management matrix
- District continues to work with Heather Hettinger (MDNR) on signage for posting at access points on river and over river itself to inform of construction activities downstream at Brown Bridge

Sea Lamprey and Fish Passage Working Team update: report (Westerhof) – Rick Westerhof reported on the proceedings of the conference call on June 4th.
- Union Street dam inspection moved to mid-July
- The type of replacement structure may change from originally proposed rock ramp and low-head barrier as flood plain may not accommodate original structure
USFWS Sea Lamprey Control had not yet provided a report describing the rationale for opposing removal of Sabin dam prior to full repair of Union Street dam.

7:30-7:35  Agenda items for the next meeting and meeting review: discussion/decision item (IT)-
The following were identified as agenda items for the next IT meeting;
   • URS/Army Corps of Engineers update
   • Contract updates

7:35-7:35  Public comment – none.

(meeting adjourned at approximately 7:35 p.m.)