**Location:** Traverse City Governmental Center, Commission Chambers  
400 Boardman Avenue  
Traverse City, MI 49684

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### Approved Meeting Minutes

**Date:** November 8, 2012  
**Facilitator:** Frank Dituri, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians  
**Notes:** Nate Winkler, Conservation Resource Alliance

**IT Members Present:**
- **Andy Knott** (Watershed Center Grand Traverse Bay)  
- **Jim Schramm** (Michigan Hydro Relicensing Coalition)  
- **Nate Winkler, Amy Beyer** (Conservation Resource Alliance)  
- **Ben Bifoss, Ken Gregory** (City of Traverse City)  
- **Jim Cooper** (Traverse City Light and Power Department)  
- **Steve Largent** (Grand Traverse Conservation District)  
- **Frank Dituri, Brett Fessell** (Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians)  
- **Rick Westerhof** (US Fish and Wildlife Service)  
- **Dave Benda** (Grand Traverse County)  
- **Todd Kalish** (Michigan Department of Natural Resources)  
- **Jim Pawloski** (Michigan Department of Environmental Quality)

**IT Members Absent:**
- Rotary Camps and Services  
- Grand Traverse County Road Commission  
- Charter Township of Garfield
1:30-1:35 **Introductions** – Introductions were made by those in attendance.

1:35-1:35 **Public comment** – None

1:35-1:40 **Agenda deletions/additions** – Items marked with * added below

1:40-1:40 **Review and potential approval of the October 18, 2012 meeting minutes** – Approved with clarification by Westerhof as follows;

* Concerning discussion with regard to “tightening up” of proposals, emphasis should be on both the scope and cost in proposals

1:40-1:50 **Action items from October IT meeting** – Winkler reported all actions completed except for the following;

* Winkler to distribute final (working) draft Bottomlands Matrix to the IT
* Beyer to distribute list of Sen. Levin event participant to IT members
* Winkler to convene meeting of project owners and the Army Corps to discuss the potential requirements and elements of an Army Corps “Project Partnership Agreement” (PPA) document
* Winkler to contact members of the IT and provide a mechanism for individual evaluation of AMEC’s performance. The results will be summarized and presented to AMEC for their review and consideration

1:50-2:00 **Army Corps/URS update** – Representatives of neither outfit were present and Winkler suggested a review of the Army Corps/URS update from the prior week’s Project Managers meeting as an alternative.

2:00-2:20 **AMEC update** – Sandra Sroonian related the following items with regard to the Brown Bridge project;

* Contact with MDEQ concerning changes to planting plan, removal of material released as a result of the flood, fate of the haul/access road
* The remainder of the powerhouse and the spillway are being removed and anticipate a mid-December completion (approximately 10% remaining currently)
* The potholes adjacent to the former boat launch will be filled with dredge spoils

Additional discussion focused on budget adjustments for under AMEC contract, initiated by Beyer asking the group in general what any remaining funds should be prioritized for;

* Dituri suggested compiling list of “wants” (i.e. additional habitat wood)
* Bifoss reminded the group that two more dams are coming out and any remaining funds directed toward their removal
• Pawloski suggested the funding of post-project long term maintenance (i.e. sand trap construction and maintenance)

In addition, short discussion on the need to report to MDEQ on status on Boardman dam and schedule for removal. Original agreement between the County and MDEQ had dam removal scheduled for December 31, 2012.

2:20-2:25 **CRA 2013 Consultant Agreement**: discussion/approval (CRA)-Beyer directed the group’s attention to the CRA 2013 Consultant Agreement included in the meeting packet. There was a short discussion and subsequent approval.

2:25-2:30 **Funding**: report (CRA)-Beyer noted the following

• Sub-recipient Agreement #3 which adds $774,000 in new grant funding-after brief discussion, approved with Dituri to sign off

• Updated funding plan-brief discussion and approval

Westerhof noted that the funding for the Fish Passage program has been decreased from $500,000 to $300,000.

2:30-2:40 **Communications**: report (CRA)-Winkler related work that was performed on the development/planning of the public meeting to present information on the October 6th incident.

Beyer directed the group’s attention to the draft 2013 communications work plan which was included in the meeting packet.

2:40-2:45 **Cass Road bridge replacement working group**: discussion (IT, John Nelson-Grand Traverse County Road Commissioner)-John Nelson spoke to the IT of the importance of having a working group to discuss the fate of the Cass Road bridge.

After brief discussion, a list of potential members of such a group was suggested and includes MDEQ, Grand Traverse County Road Commission, CRA, URS Corp., TART Trails, Inc., Grand Traverse Conservation District, and the Grand Traverse Band

2:45-2:50 **Prosperity Team Update**: report (Knott) – Knott related that a Leadership Team meeting was held the day prior. Went on to review the history of the Prosperity project and noted that a draft of the Prosperity Plan was available with final draft sometime in April/May.
Knott also took the opportunity to relate the visit by MDEQ Director Dan Wyant’s visit the prior week and the Director’s favorable impression of the Brown Bridge project.

2:50-2:55 **Bottomlands Update**: report (Largent)-Steve Largent reported that the December meeting will likely be cancelled and rescheduled for January.

2:55-3:05 **Fish Passage/Lamprey Update**: report (Westerhof)-Westerhof reported on the following items;

- Last meeting was on November 5th, in light of sequencing changes in dam removal, the sea lamprey issue below Sabin was discontinued as a primary topic of discussion. However, fish passage post dam removal is still a salient topic and a smaller task group (Rick Westerhof, Jessica Barber (USFWS), Nate Winkler (CRA), Troy Naperalala (URS), and Bryan Burroughs (Trout Unlimited) was tapped for future discussion
- Next meeting was tentatively scheduled for December 3rd

3:05-3:10 **Public Comment**: John Nelson suggested that a serious discussion be had in the community regarding changing the Boardman River back to its pre-European settlement name of “Ottawa” River as it was known to the region’s Anishinaabek people

3:10 **Adjourned**

**Action Items:**

- **Winkler** to distribute Bottomlands Matrix to IT
- **Beyer** to send list of participants to IT members (Schramm request)
- **Westerhof** to forward Fish Passage/Sea Lamprey workgroup meeting materials and call-in information to Winkler to distribute to workgroup for December 3 meeting
- **Winkler** to contact members of the IT and provide a mechanism for individual evaluation of AMEC’s performance. The results will be summarized and presented to AMEC for their review and consideration
- **Sroonian** to convene a meeting including members of the IT to evaluate the seeding plan and determine which elements may be removed
- **Winkler** to convene meeting of project owners and the Army Corps to discuss the potential requirements and elements of an Army Corps “Project Partnership Agreement” (PPA) document
- **Winkler** to draft letter to MDEQ giving status report on Boardman dam and why it has not been removed (pursuant to agreement between the County and MDEQ) and will not be removed prior to December 31, 2012 deadline