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

Boardman River Dams Implementation Team

Grand Traverse County                      City of Traverse City
Traverse City Light and Power Department   Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians
Michigan Hydro Relicensing Coalition       US Fish and Wildlife Service
Michigan Department of Natural Resources   Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
Grand Traverse Conservation District (Ex officio) Conservation Resource Alliance (Ex officio)
Rotary Camps and Services (Ex officio)     Watershed Center Grand Traverse Bay (Ex officio)
Grand Traverse County Road Commission (Ex officio) Charter Township of Garfield (Ex officio)

APPROVED Meeting Minutes

Date: December 19, 2013
Facilitator: Frank Dituri, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians
Notes: Amy Beyer, Conservation Resource Alliance

IT Members Present:
Amy Beyer, (Conservation Resource Alliance)
Tim Arends (TC Light and Power)
Frank Dituri (Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians)
Dave Benda, Dean Bott (Grand Traverse County)
Steve Largent (Grand Traverse Conservation District)
Jered Ottenwess (City of Traverse City)
Jim Schramm (Michigan Hydro Relicensing Coalition) – by phone
Jim Cook (Grand Traverse County Road Commission)
Christine Crissman (The Watershed Center – Grand Traverse Bay)
Rick Westerhof (US Fish and Wildlife Service)
Chuck Korn (Charter Township of Garfield)

IT Members Absent:
Michigan Department of Natural Resources
Rotary Camps and Services
Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
1. **Introductions** – Introductions were made by those in attendance.

2. **Public comment** – none

3. **Miscellaneous**

   **Agenda deletions/additions** – Added AMEC update of Brown Bridge construction contract closeout status – Item 9.5 below

   **Review and potential approval of the November 7 meeting minutes** – approved

   **Action items from November IT meeting** – Reviewed by Beyer, outstanding items placed back on the “Action Items” list: see first two items below.

4. **2014 IT Meeting Calendar** - After discussion, IT agreed to move forward with calendar as is, and if Troy’s periodic absence becomes problematic, consider changes mid year.

5. **TCLP representation on IT** – Arends described the changing role for TCLP now that Brown Bridge dam is gone. TCLP does own the fish weir below Union Street. TCLP can participate going forward as a department of the City. After discussion, the team agreed to evaluate TCLP’s role and any changes after any changes occur in the overall IT definition or authorities are clarified, expect progress on this in the next month.

6. **URS Update** – Naperala reported that work will be underway early in January under their contract with the Tribe. Contract with County and Road Commission has been approved and final legal/insurance clauses are being worked out; expect signatures soon with work to begin in January.

   Army Corps representatives met with the City and County earlier this week and discussed upcoming decision points regarding: 1) non-federal sponsor, likely to be County; 2) how to handle bridge replacement, likely to be outside the Army Corps’ GLFER project; and 3) total project cost estimate, URS is working to reduce this to the $15M maximum corresponding to $10M of federal cost share. Action item for County to sign MOU allowing in-kind contribution to begin being counted toward local match.

7. **Cass Road/Boardman Dam Update** – Cook reported that contract is being finalized with URS.

8. **Fundraising Update** – Beyer reported on recent proposal efforts and discussions with GL Fishery Trust staff. A team led by Fessel, Naperala and Kalish is preparing a research proposal to look at lamprey control options. A team led by CRA will prepare a dam
removal funding proposal. Funding plan was approved by IT. In–kind reporting for 2013 should be done by individual members on form included in packet. Action item.

9. **Communications Update** – Deferred item.

9.5 **Brown Bridge Construction Contract** – Sroonian reported on three last activities. First, Elmers will complete Kelly site work as soon as weather allows, likely January. Final as-built drawings were provided for review in November. Need input from Dituri and Largent for seeding work (action items). Final report and appendices will be sent out soon for IT review. And AMEC has drafted Notice of Violation letter for City to send to MDEQ reporting on completed work at Garfield Road. Final step will be notifying DEQ when large wood is installed by District between former dam site and Brown Bridge Road.

10. **Open Forum** – Benda mentioned that IT attorneys are conferencing in January to pursue clarification of IT authorities and roles. Also January 6 hearing on Alpers case. Arends shared information from TCLP attorneys (CRA to circulate).

11. **Meeting closing:**
   - IT agenda and action item review
   - Public comment – no comment
   - Motion by Benda, supported by Ottenwess to move into closed session. Vote: all in favor (GT County, TCLP, MHRC, City of TC, Grand Traverse Band, US Fish and Wildlife Service). None opposed
   - Public meeting adjourned

**Action Items (**AI**):**
   - **Winkler** to generate and submit letter of thank you on behalf of the IT to Rotary for their service and recognition of their excusal from the IT (outstanding AI)
   - **Winkler** to pursue claims information through AMEC’s attorney (outstanding AI)
   - **IT Member Attorneys** to discuss in early January options for re-defining the IT/County relationship and authorities). **TCLP** role will be re-evaluated after this is completed.
   - **Winkler** to finalize meeting calendar and post to websites
   - **Benda** to review and finalize MOU with Army Corps
   - **All Team Members** – please report estimate of contributed time during 2013 to Amy Beyer before January 10.
   - **Largent** to convene work session to finalize as-built seeding drawings with Dituri and Sroonian in January.