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)
Watershed Center Grand Traverse Bay (Ex officio) Charter Township of Garfield (Ex officio)
Grand Traverse County Road Commission (Ex officio)

APPROVED Meeting Minutes

Date: April 17, 2014
Facilitator: Frank Dituri, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians
Notes: Nate Winkler, Conservation Resource Alliance

IT Members Present:
Nate Winkler (Conservation Resource Alliance)
Frank Dituri (Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians)
Dave Benda, Dean Bott, Danny Brown (Grand Traverse County)
Steve Largent (Grand Traverse Conservation District)
Jim Cook (Grand Traverse County Road Commission)
Rick Westerhof (US Fish and Wildlife Service)
Jim Schramm (Michigan Hydro Relicensing Coalition)
John Nelson (The Watershed Center – Grand Traverse Bay)

IT Members Not Present:
Traverse City Light and Power
Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
Charter Township of Garfield
Michigan Department of Natural Resources
City of Traverse City
1. **Introductions** – Introductions were made by those in attendance.

2. **Public comment** – none

3. **Miscellaneous**

   **Agenda deletions/additions** – Benda requested an item regarding the trash racks at Sabin dam; added as item “4.5”
   **Review and potential approval of March 20 meeting minutes** – approved
   **Action items from March IT meeting** – Reviewed by those charged with completing, outstanding items placed back on the “Action Items” list

4. **CRA Quarter 1, 2014 invoice and report: discussion and action (CRA)**
   Approved after brief discussion; positive comments from the team with regard to the format and content of the report backing up the invoice.

4.5. **Sabin dam trash racks: discussion (IT)**
   Benda reported that Charles Peterson is now requesting removal of the trash racks he owns but has not removed since he purchased them several years ago; Benda noted the repeated requests made by former County administrator Dennis Aloia for Peterson to remove them.

5. **URS update: report and discussion (Troy Naperala, Andy Selle (InterFluve))**
   Naperala reported the following items related to both Phase II of the project and the federal effort:
   - The end of May is still anticipated by the Army Corps for release of the Detailed Project Report (DPR) and Environmental Assessment (EA) for public review and comment
   - InterFluve in town to initiate depth of refusal survey at Boardman Pond and installation of staff gauges and pressure transducers, as well as survey work leading to sediment analysis and modeling on sediment effects on S. Airport Road crossing

   Regarding the Cass Road bridge replacement in particular, Naperala laid out the following items which would be occurring:
   - Determination of “TSL” (type, size, location)
   - Ground truthing of previously established benchmarks
   - Survey and depth of refusal work from Beitner Road to Boardman dam face
• Geo-technical borings will be initiated subsequent to establishment of TSL
• Utilities contacted to delineate corridors in relation to proposed work
• Sediment and hydrologic modeling
• Proposed scope of work to MDOT in July

6. **Bottomlands update: report (Largent)**
   Largent provided an update on work related to the bottomlands including:
   • Bottomlands team meeting convened earlier in the day
   • A focus group meeting has been planned to discuss proposed planting plan
   • Work bee scheduled out at Brown Bridge on May 2nd

7. **Funding updates: report and discussion (CRA, IT)** – Winkler asked the group at large for any updates; Dituri noted that the BIA has awarded the Band $350,000 for the project.

8. **Communications update: report (CRA)** – Winkler noted that with the following exception, it’s been routine on the communications front this month:
   • The MDNR Boardman River “river assessment” public open house denigrated into a critique of the project by several attendees rather than thoughtful dialogue about the content of the draft assessment (of which the dam removal project was but a minor component)

9. **Open Forum**: Selle noted the upcoming (June 8,9) conference in Madison focusing on fish passage and sea lamprey policy.

   Dituri noted that the Band is assisting the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa in a walleye assessment in Boardman Lake and in the river upstream to Sabin dam.

10. **Meeting closing**:
    • Action items reviewed and listed below
    • Public comment –none
**Action Items:**

- **Action:** Winkler to make Rastetter/legal counsel inquiry
- **Action:** Winkler to schedule Monitoring and Evaluation Team meeting
- **Action:** Winkler to get up with Shook re. arrangement for Au Sable Institute monitoring contract
- **Action:** Winkler to distribute final draft Fish Passage and Sea Lamprey talking points
- **Action:** Winkler to provide Largent with a copy of the MDEQ Notice of Violation (NOV)
- **Action:** Largent to review NOV to determine course of action for wood installation below Brown Bridge
- **Action:** Largent to circulate May 2nd work bee announcement
- **Action:** Fessell or Dituri to contact the Tribal Manager with regard to a potential meeting with JoAnne Gasco