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: May 15, 2014
Facilitator: Frank Dituri, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians
Notes: Nate Winkler, Conservation Resource Alliance

IT Members Present:
Nate Winkler, Amy Beyer, Kim Balke (Conservation Resource Alliance)
Frank Dituri (Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians)
Dave Benda, 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)
Christine Crissman (The Watershed Center – Grand Traverse Bay)
Jered Ottenwess (City of Traverse City)

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

2. **Public comment** – none

3. **Miscellaneous**

   * Agenda deletions/additions – none
   * Review and potential approval of April 17 meeting minutes – approved
   * Action items from April IT meeting – Reviewed by those charged with completing, outstanding items placed back on the “Action Items” list

4. **Sabin and Boardman trash rakes: update (Benda)**

   Benda reported that Charles Peterson will be removing the rakes from both power houses sometime after May 21st. Naperala noted that in discussions with Consumers Power he learned that trash racks on their projects are kept clean by manual removal.

5. **URS update: report and discussion (Troy Naperala)**

   Naperala reported the following items related to both Phase II of the project and the federal effort:

   - There will be a change in project point of contact as Naperala would be transferring out of state for a one year detail within the company; Dan DeVaun will be the new point of contact and lead from the local office
   - The draft Detailed Project Report and Environmental Assessment are due for release sometime in June
   - InterFluwe will be in town for depth of refusal (DOR) work the first week of June
   - Topographic survey has commenced related to dams
   - Type/size/location (“TSL”) assessment for the new Cass Road Bridge is underway

6. **Bottomlands update: report (Largent)**

   Largent provided an update on work related to the bottomlands including:

   - Bottomlands team meeting convened earlier in the day
   - Invasive species surveys underway, reed canary grass being observed at Brown Bridge
   - Approximately 700 red osier dogwood were planted during a work bee at Brown Bridge on May 2nd
   - Another work bee is scheduled out at Brown Bridge on May 16th
   - Erosion occurring adjacent to trails upstream of Boardman Pond
• Intending to request for an onsite meeting with MDEQ and MDNR to discuss large wood and notice of violation
• Anticipating the Kelly property project will occur sometime in the first two weeks of June

7. **Funding updates: report and discussion (CRA, IT)** – Beyer covered the materials included in the meeting packet related to project funding and fundraising; no discussion.

8. **Communications update: report (CRA)** – The following items were shared by the team:

   • The movie “DamNation” will be proposed by its representatives for potential inclusion in the Traverse City Film Festival
   • Winkler, Dituri, and DeVaun will be presenting on the project at NMC on Friday
   • Winkler distributed WTCM/Martell link
   • Largent will be presenting on the project to the Kiwanis Club the following Thursday
   • The Boardman River made the nation-wide “Waters to Watch” list
   • Beyer will be presenting on the project at the Patagonia Worldwide footwear representatives conference in Grand Rapids (May 21)

9. **Open Forum:**
   • Largent noted that the District has a new director (Marsha Clark)
   • Largent also noted that the Cherry Capital Paddling Club noted several areas of concern regarding erosion upstream and through the Brown Bridge project area

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

- **Action:** Winkler to schedule Monitoring and Evaluation Team meeting
- **Action:** Winkler to distribute final draft Fish Passage and Sea Lamprey talking points
- **Action:** URS to convene meeting to discuss Cass Road Bridge with MDOT, CRA, and GT Road Commission