

**Grande Ronde Model Watershed
Board of Directors' Meeting
June 25, 2013 – 5:00 pm
Wallowa Community Center, Wallowa OR**

Mike Hayward brought the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Approval of Minutes and Agenda: Daryl Hawes moved to approve the April 23, 2013, meeting minutes; Larry Cribbs seconded and the motion carried. The proposed meeting agenda for June 25, 2013, meeting was approved by consensus, and a Nez Perce letter of recommendation discussion was added under new topics (attachment to file).

Calendar /Announcements: (attached to file)

New Topics:

CTUIR/BPA Acquisition Program: Allen Childs discussed the CTUIR/BPA acquisition program's goals and future work. The program involves a ranking prioritization matrix, which is a portfolio that consists of five major projects; three of which are located on the Grande Ronde River and two on Catherine Creek. Childs talked about easements and what they can be and gave an overview of where this process is at. Public involvement for this program is starting at the GRMW board.

There are two strategies for land acquisition: either the Tribe is the buyer or use other agencies to purchase land. The land acquired would still retain limited access, like private land, and because it is public money, the tribal members would not gain more access than the general public.

Discussion followed about potential land that could be acquired.

Mike Hayward then asked 'what the difference is between the tribe owning the land and a private land owner carrying out a project?'

Childs answered that the major difference would be the term and foot print of the easement. The difference in easement size could range from 35' to 100' depending on the interest of the landowner versus the Tribes.

Childs explained the standards and methods for Tribe land acquisition and said he would be keeping the GRMW Board up to date on this topic.

CC44: CC44 has an additional funding request. Emails were sent out discussing this topic. Bruce Eddy moved to approve the additional funding of \$7,000 for the CC 44 project. Larry Cribbs seconded and the motion passed.

Nez Perce Tribe Letter of Support: Lyle talked about the Nez Perce Tribe asking for a letter of support from the GRMW.

Bruce Eddy asked 'if the Nez Perce were going to revise their ISRP proposal?' Eddy didn't think it was a good idea to support them given their current unfavorable ISRP review.

Hayward requested for more information on the topic and suggested that the Nez Perce present to the Board.

Dave Yost moved to table the topic, Norm Cimon seconded and the motion passed.

Continuing Discussions:

Atlas Update: Lyle informed the Board there are not any updates for now, but there will be a meeting on July 23, 2013 and there will most likely be updates to follow.

Weed Board Meeting: Lacey Moore attended a weed board meeting on June 5, 2013. She shared the agenda of that meeting with the board. September 5, 2013 will be the next meeting.

Staff Report:

NPCC/ISRP Proposal Review Update: Lyle talked about our review and the strong and weak points mentioned by the ISRP in our proposal. Strong points of the proposal being organization and cooperation. Weak points being monitoring (attached to file).

There was some discussion between Cimon and Eddy about what we can do for monitoring, what we are doing, and who will pay for monitoring. Eddy shared what monitoring is already being done and said funding for additional, or fish-related monitoring is not available and more cannot be done at this time.

Project Update: (see attached to file) Lyle, Jesse, and Coby talked about projects occurring in the basin this year. All projects seem to be progressing well.

Introduction: Lyle introduced Patrick Currin, who is an intern for the summer with GRMW. Currin is finishing up some volunteer hours to complete his GIS degree.

Public Participation: none.

Next Board Meeting: The next scheduled Board meeting will be held on August 27, 2013. There will be a BBQ, but the location has not been decided. If you have any questions or comments, please call (541) 663-0570 or write GRMW, 1114 J Avenue, La Grande, OR 97850. To reach us on our website go to <http://www.grmw.org>. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

The mission of the Board of Directors' of the Grande Ronde Model Watershed is "to develop and oversee the implementation, maintenance and monitoring of coordinated resource management that will enhance the natural resources of the Grande Ronde River Basin."

Board Meeting Attendance:

Board Members/Alternates: Mike Hayward, Mikayla Frei, Laura Mahrt, Katie Frenyea, Allen Childs, Daryl Hawes, Dave Yost, Larry Cribbs, Bill Howell, Norm Cimon, and Bruce Eddy.

Others: Patrick Currin and Lyle Kuchenbecker.

Staff: Leigh Collins, Lacey Moore, Mason Bailie, Coby Menton, and Jesse Steele.