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Coordinating Sensible Stewardship Of The Land

Notice

Location: Traverse City Governmental Center, Commission Chambers
400 Boardman Avenue
Traverse City, MI 49684
Facilitator: Todd Kalish, Michigan DNR

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	Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
Michigan Department of Natural Resources	US Fish and Wildlife Service
Grand Traverse Conservation District (Ex officio)	Conservation Resource Alliance (Ex officio)
Rotary Camps and Services (Ex officio)	Watershed Center Grand Traverse Bay (Ex officio)

Wednesday, November 25, 2009

1:00 p.m.

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

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Agenda

1:00-1:05 Introduction (Todd)

- 1:05-1:10 Public comment
- 1:10-1:15 Additions/deletions to the agenda
- 1:15-1:20 Review and potential approval of the October 15, 2009 meeting minutes: decision item (Todd)
- 1:20-1:30 Presentation of project manager monthly report (Nate)
- 1:30-1:35 Discussion of contact reports (Nate)
- 1:35-1:45 Discussion/approval of letter to Army Corps requesting information in writing (Nate)
- 1:45-2:00 Presentation and discussion of fundraising table (Nate)
- 2:00-2:15 Presentation and discussion of CRA work plan (Nate)
- 2:15-2:30 Final draft roles and responsibilities for Todd/Rotary/IT Chair and CRA : discussion/decision (Todd and Nate)
- 2:30-2:45 Discussion of communications plan (Todd and Nate)
- 2:40-2:45 Dissemination of Information Regarding IT Meeting Agenda/Meeting Minutes: discussion/decision Item (Nate)
- 2:45-2:50 Agenda items for the next meeting and meeting review: decision item (Todd, Nate)
- 2:50-3:00 Public comment
- 3:00 Adjourn
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Conservation Resource Alliance

INVOICE

10850 Traverse Hwy., Suite 1111
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phone: 231-946-6817

DATE: November 23, 2009
INVOICE # Request #1

FOR: Boardman River
Dams Contractual
10/1/2009 through
11/16/2009

To:
Boardman River Dams Implementation Team
400 Boardman Avenue
Traverse City, MI 49684

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Summary of Project Activity for Period:	
First draft Project Workplan	
Research for Army Corps of Engineers involvement	
Preliminary communications planning	
Letter of intent draft for Army Corps	
Roles for	
Implementation Team support - meeting/agenda planning, minutes, notification	
Fundraising activity - proposals, investigation (reference: Funding Plan pending and committed funds)	
TOTAL	\$ 3,333.00

If you have any questions concerning this invoice, contact Sue Peck, Accounting, (231) 946-6817 or sue@rivercare.org

Funding Plan - Summary for Boardman I.T.

PENDING

Due Date	Sponsor	Boardman Submittals	Requested Amount	Other Submittals (applicant/staff)	Notes on Scope/Targets	Decision Expected	Start Date	End Date
September 2009								
9/15/2009	US Fish & Wildlife Service Tribal Wildlife Grant	GTB	Boardman project management (GTB, Nate assistance)					
9/24/2009	319 Notice of Intent - Planning and Implementation grants	CRA	Boardman stream restoration planning (Amy)	Benzie CD Platte plan (PLIA - declined), Manistee CF Bear Lake/Creek pain (Manistee CF)	See list of priority watersheds; Judy Beck- use LAMP instead of individual watershed plans	5/1/2010	6/1/2010	5/31/2012
9/30/2009	NOAA Coastal Restoration Partnership Forest Service inventory and assessment and database	CRA or GTB?	Upper GL Regional including Boardman year 3 (Nate, Amy help)		Large partnerships agglomerating small and non-barrier on-the-ground work		6/1/2010	5/31/2013
9/30/2009				Pending lists with Stuber (135K submitted by RS)	prepare inventories for FHA fish passage, Legacy roads up to \$100 million, stimulus, GLRI			
October 2009								
10/1/2009	Rotary Charities program and capacity pre-proposals for Large Projects - Sustain our Great Lakes Stewardship Grants program			CRA Capacity Building (MT)- \$110K; Kalkaska parcel mapping (LIAA)				
10/1/2009	Full proposals for small projects - Sustain our Great Lakes Community Grants program			UGL Connectivity to include Boardman* (Nate); Manistee Flowing Well (EE,CP)	\$150K - \$1.5 million, total			
10/15/2009		CRA	Boardman phase 1 or drawdown (Nate - NO)	Manton dam removal (CP- NO) - \$100K additional; Arcadia Marsh restoration (DU, GTRLC, CRA)	\$25K - \$150K			
10/28/2009	Great Lakes Basin Fish Habitat			PM Woody Debris (RW); Manton Millpond (RW) Manton (CP) - \$75K, Benzie Phase 2 (Nate); Iron Ore Creek Beaver Island (Brett or Nate?); cole Creek 14Rd (CP); Flowing Well (CP); UGL Connectivity (Amy); Baldwin Dam (Kim)				
10/9/2009	US Fish & Wildlife Fish Passage	CRA	Boardman fish passage planning and design (Amy)					
10/9/2009	US Fish & Wildlife Partners							
10/28/2009	DEQ Nonpoint Source Grant Full Proposals Due	TWC?	Odds are poor for stand alone planning - discuss incorporating into TWC implementation grant for GT Bay	Benzie CD Platte plan, Manistee CF Bear Lake/Creek pain				
November 2009								
11/13/2009	US Fish & Wildlife Fish Habitat	CRA	Boardman corridor riparian zone work related to drawdowns? (Amy)	Multi-watershed LWD (CP); Manton additional? (CP); Tippy South phase 1 construction? (CP); Flowing Well (CP); Benzie/Platte Phase 1 in-stream (NW)	Requests up to \$25K			
11/16/2009	NOAA Open Rivers Initiative		Phase 1 Boardman (Nate) -		On-the-ground barrier removal, ideally permitted			
December 2009								
12/8/2009	Joyce Foundation quarterly cycle			Regional River Care				
12/15/2009	Full proposals for Large Projects - Sustain our Great Lakes Stewardship Grants program							
Dec	US Fish & Wildlife Service - Great Lakes Fish & Wildlife Restoration Act	CRA or GTB	Boardman implementation - Phase 1 or better wrapped into regional? (Amy)	Regional River Care (Amy); Successional bird habitat (Eric);	Expected up to \$6.9M from previous \$1 Mt; combine fish & wildlife, regional scope, States & Tribes sponsor			
January 2010								
Jan call	CIG Call for proposals	GTB	Suggest tribal Boardman (Brett, Doug)		Note new leveraging category, consider tribal or CORA - tie to Pure Michigan?			
Jan call	NOAA - Great Lakes Habitat Restoration Program	CRA	Upper GL Regional including Boardman year 3 (Nate, Amy help)		Originally ARRA habitat overflow, now AOC emphasis but good projects will surface			
March 2010								

PENDING

<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Boardman Submittals</u>	<u>Requested Amount</u>	<u>Other Submittals (applicant/staff)</u>	<u>Notes on Scope/Targets</u>	<u>Decision Expected</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>End Date</u>
3/1/2009	Rotary Charities Cycle	CRA	Consider project management and NEPA support program grant					
	Dates TBD							
	EPA GLNPO combined RFP for 2010 GLRI							
	EPA+ Great Lakes Watersheds Program				may add funding from USF&W Service to make this a "larger" grant program - estimated \$14 million in 2010 for GL			
	USDA-NRCS Great Lakes Basin Program for Soil Erosion							
	USDA-NRCS CCPI FY2011 project list	CRA/GTB	YES	TBD				10/1/2011
	DOI-BIA Great Lakes Tribal Species and Ecosystem Restoration							
Dec?	USF&WS Candidate Fish Habitat Partnership for Great Lakes Basin							
	FHWA Ecosystem approach to Infrastructure and Restoration Work				Cass Road?			
	USDA-NRCS NAWCA	GTB?			Wetlands restoration and acquisition			
	Open Applications							
no deadline	US Fish & Wildlife Service - Coastal				Explore partnership support			
no deadline	Rotary planning grants	CRA			Boardman Communications plan? (Amy)	\$5K		
no deadline	BIA-Other	GTB			Boardman Engineering and Tribal support to project	\$2 million		
special project	Great Lakes Fish Trust	RCS - Kailish?			Boardman - need scope and ACOE involvement better defined			



Contact Report

Date: 4 Nov 2009 Ph Mtg X
Name: Todd Kalish, Gary O'keefe, John Neimiec, Carl Platz, Steve Largent, Dave Dennison, Gabe Schneider, Nate Winkler
Organization: Army Corps (O'keefe, Neimec, Platz)
Subject: Boardman River Dams

Meeting held at Boardman River Nature Center to talk with Army Corps representatives about the Boardman River project;

Discussion items included:

Nothing in writing yet from the Corps regarding commitments to the project, a real concern to the City and County (Nate Winkler to Corps)

Cass Rd and S. Airport Road were discussed with respect to potential LRDS funding

The Corp will be able to commit a "couple hundred thousand" to the project next year (Gary O'keefe)

A timeline will be generated by the Corps for the project by some time in early December as one of their own requirements (Gary O'keefe)

The Corps considers the Boardman a "very important" project to them

There will be constant communication between the Corps project team and the owners as the project is carried out

Todd indicated to the Corps that the City and County were pursuing the Corps as their lone project support

Nate indicated that there is a fundraising effort occurring on a parallel track along with pursuing Corps support

Steve mentioned the desired ecosystem approach to the entire project and the Corps folks agreed that that was important

Discussion re opposition centered around riparian landowners on Boardman Pond, the Corps is aware of the controversy with that regard

By: NJW
Action: file

November 13, 2009

Mr. Gary O'keefe
Deputy District Engineer for Project Management
US Army Corps of Engineers
Detroit District
477 Michigan Avenue
Detroit, MI 48226

Re. Boardman River Dams Project

Dear Mr. O'keefe,

In an effort toward funding, planning, and implementing the Boardman River Dams Removal and Modification project ("project") under the Army Corps' section 506 program, the Boardman River Dams Implementation Team ("IT") respectfully submits the following list of concerns for your consideration:

- 1) What is the amount of funding available immediately for use by the Corps for the project?
- 2) What are the limitations on funding through Section 506 regarding match sources (i.e. federal, non-federal, state, tribal)?
- 3) What agency will be the lead regarding the NEPA analysis if there are more than one federal agency involved (i.e. we wouldn't know in advance who will have the largest amount of dollars in the project to assign a "lead" agency)?
- 4) If Federal funds are used in a river crossing replacement that occurred as a result of the project, can that work and dollars spent be considered match toward the 35% cost share?
- 5) What is the earliest date that the Corps will be ready to initiate NEPA and plans and specs development (and are there any avenues for speeding that date up)?
- 6) What is the amount of Corps' dollars already spent on the project that will require local sponsor match?
- 7) How much money is committed by the Corps for future timeframes?
- 8) What is the likelihood of getting additional funding and when and by what mechanism would the IT be able to learn of funding commitments for planning purposes?

- 9) How does other potential federal funding (grants) fit in? Is there any way that could be a disadvantage (i.e. would more federal dollars in the project increase the match requirement?
- 10) What commitment would be built in for Corps staff or contractors to be on site for communications in the local community? What role would the Corps play in media communications and fielding inquiries?
- 11) What is the IT and local communities role?
- 12) Would the project be handled as a "life cycle" project with one ACOE person assigned to follow the process from beginning to end?

Please review and respond in writing to these concerns at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Todd Kalish, IT Chair
Michigan Department of Natural Resources (or Rotary?)

Cc Senator Carl Levin
Senator Debbie Stabenow
Ben Bifoss
Dennis Aloia

Boardman River Dam Removal – Project Status At A Glance



Implementation Team Members:

City of Traverse City
Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa
Indians
Grand Traverse County
Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
Michigan Department of Natural Resources
Michigan Hydro Relicensing Coalition
Traverse City Light and Power Department
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Ex Officio Members:

Conservation Resource Alliance
Grand Traverse Conservation District
Rotary Camps and Services
Watershed Center – Grand Traverse Bay

Timeline and Major Activities:

2005 Preliminary Restoration Plan and Settlement Agreement
2006-2008 Community Feasibility Study – Dam Removal Decision (\$1.1 million)
2009 Planning for Implementation – Project Coordinator and Fundraising
Options for Army Corps of Engineers assistance

2010-2012 Phase 1 Implementation (\$1.5-\$2 million)

Fundraising for Phases 1 and 2 of Implementation
Environmental Impact Statement
Permitting
Final Designs and Specification
Options for Union Street Dam Modification (research, fish passage)
Design and siting options for Cass Road crossing
Design options for South Airport Road crossing
Bottomlands Management (sediment, invasive species, other)
Fisheries and Wildlife Management

2012-2017 Phase 2 Implementation

Dam Removals and River Restoration (\$6-8 million)
Sustainable Boardman Watershed Initiative – beyond dam removal

Boardman River Dam Removal – Fundraising Update

Date: November 2009

Major Activities and Milestones:

First cut costs and timelines to use in proposals (ref: Project At-A-Glance)

NOAA conference call to assess best strategy/fit for their upcoming RFPs

Ditto with US Fish & Wildlife Service

Support work for Grand Traverse Band funding applications and position of support for project

Working through Michigan Habitat Working Group (Becky Humphries) to identify ways for the State to support the project with non-federal funds

Proposal: DEQ Nonpoint Source proposal by TWC incorporated a task for channel restoration?

Proposal: NOAA Coastal Restoration Partnership proposal includes support for Boardman

Proposal: US Fish & Wildlife Service Tribal Wildlife Grant for Boardman project management

Declined: Rotary Capacity Building proposal for CRA included communications function

Proposal: US Fish & Wildlife Service Fish Passage proposal for planning and design phase

Proposal: NOAA Open Rivers Initiative proposed EIS, design& specs, bottomlands restoration

Proposal: US Fish & Wildlife Service Fish Habitat proposal for bottomlands mgmt and plan

Needing Clarification or Discussion:

1) We are proceeding to seek funding to either complement or fund early phases of work in parallel with pursuing Army Corps of Engineers support, right?

2) Should we approach Great Lakes Fish Trust early (now) to begin exploring their interest in helping to provide non-federal matching funds? What is status of their original grant? Do they consider it complete or still open?