

**Fish Passage Barrier Removal Board – Meeting Notes**

**Special meeting date: September 11, 2018**

**Place: Telephone conference call**

**Summary: Agenda items with formal action**

Item	Formal Action
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**Board Members/Alternates on call:**

Tom Jameson, Chair, WDFW	Carl Schroeder, AWC
Susan Kanzler, DOT	Dave Caudill, RCO - GSRO
Jon Brand, WSAC	Jonalee Squeechochs, Yakama Nation
Justin Zweifel, WDFW	Casey Baldwin, CCT
Jane Wall, WSAC	Steve Martin, GSRO

**Others on call:**

Dave Collins, WDFW	Christy Rains, WDFW
Cade Roler, WDFW	Wendy Brown, RCO
Gina Piazza, WDFW	Neil Aaland, Facilitator

**Welcome/Introductions:** Meeting started at 12:00 noon. Neil explained the reason for the call and confirmed there was a quorum. The special meeting was noticed as required by the Open Public Meetings Act.

**Public Comment:** No member of the public chose to participate in the call.

**Submittal to OFM:** Tom explained the purpose of the call. At the last FBRB meeting, the Board approved 66 projects for about \$33 million and included a note about asking for an additional \$17 million for a total of \$50 million. After the last FBRB meeting, AWC and WSAC had a discussion with RCO. Kaleen Cottingham, RCO Director, said it was okay to talk with Wendy regarding a project list and more funding. Carl Schroeder, Jane Wall, Tom, and Justin met with Wendy to discuss. RCO still had some concerns about \$17 million requested that was not tied to specific projects. WDFW staff looked at the design-only projects and called sponsors to see if it would be possible for those to also identify match and construct the project during the 19-21 biennium. WDFW staff Cade, Gina, and Dave made those calls. This resulted in a second list totaling \$53.7 million.

Wendy has to submit the package to OFM tomorrow. Justin has worked with her and there are now two decision support packages: one for \$50 million (as initially approved by the Board) and a new package for \$53.7 million.

The first decision for today: is this the correct way for the Board to approach funding for next biennium?  
Second decision: which list should be submitted?

Justin discussed the calls. The sponsors of 24 out of the 40 design-only projects said they could probably do this, but most would need a re-appropriation at the end of next biennium to complete. 7 out of 24 were not yet sure about the match yet. The 24 projects include 16 county projects, 7 city projects, and 1 private project.

Discussion comments and questions:

- FBRB is funding planning/design for these so would likely be on a path to fund construction; that does pose a concern
- With a program just being started, re-appropriation should be okay
- Going into funding cycles with cost estimates that are not based on at least a preliminary level of design is not something we wanted to do
- Moving forward with projects not well defined is concerning
  - Uncomfortable about moving project numbers 67-81 for that reason
- Susan noted that DOT is finding cost estimates are higher with the booming economy
- Are we locked into this list if submitted? [Tom doesn't know how that will work; last time the list named specific projects]
  - Wendy thinks we have to stick with this list
- Could ask for a separate amount with specific projects [just know that this is a less successful strategy]
- Carl thinks we should not throw out our prioritization

The Board discussed submitting a revised list as discussed today. Discussion point:

- Design-only projects that are developed too quickly may not have an accurate budget
- RCO did not want to submit an unallocated list

The motion was not voted on. The Board decided to stay with the current course and the list/funding approved at the last meeting.

**The meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm.**

**Next meeting: Tuesday, October 16, 2018 – Rainier Room, Association of Washington Cities**