

TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY
June 1, 2006

Participants:

Brian Spears (Chair)
Randy Connolly
Lloyd Brewer
Mike Beckwith
Rusty Sheppard
Rebecca Stevens
Terry Harwood
Anne Dailey
John Snider
Rog Hardy
Jeri DeLange (Note Taker)

This summary provides the salient issues. These notes are intended to capture key topics, conclusions, and next steps and not the nuances of the discussion.

Agenda Items: None

Brian Spears thanked Anne Dailey for leading the conference calls during his absence the last few weeks. He reminded everyone that the deadline to send board packet information to Terry Harwood was tomorrow, June 2.

Round Table:

Connolly: Nothing to report.

Sheppard: Mentioned that Kootenai County had not come to a decision yet in regards to a minority position on the ICP section for the five-year work plan. He stated that he would get the information to Harwood in time for the deadline in order to hold the option for what the county decides to do.

Spears remarked that he is open to any opinion regarding a minority position, but indicated that it may have to be an informal minority position. He suggested that Commissioner Currie could present it at the BEIPC meeting. Spears said that he will forward all information to the TLG members.

John Snider commented that his opinion is that Kootenai County should have a minority position. Spears suggested that the information be provided to him as soon as possible so that he may determine the best way to deal with it in case a minority position is presented.

Harwood brought up that if an issue results in a minority position being taken, dissent shall be registered with the TLG Chair according to the BEIPC protocols. Snider voiced his concerns about going through the proper protocols in regards to this issue.

Harwood mentioned that any Basin Commissioner may present any position whenever they want; however, a minority position needs to be written. He explained that a minority position may be presented by the TLG Chair or it may be done extemporaneously.

Snider reiterated that he wants to make sure that it goes through the proper protocols. Sheppard said that he wants to be sure that the other commissioners are not blindsided. Spears indicated that the information will get into the board packets and suggested that Kootenai County review the other language if they have any problems in putting a minority position together.

Stevens: Mentioned that 2500 lake education maps will be produced rather than the 5000 she originally reported. She apologized for misquoting the number on the statement of work. Rog Hardy inquired about the deadline for comments. Stevens replied that she needs to receive them as soon as possible. Hardy said that he had some issues that he discussed with Harwood, but that Kootenai County may have some comments also. Sheppard reported that he would be talking with Commissioner Currie. Stevens said that she would wait to finalize the map until she receives their comments.

Beckwith: Mentioned that the Lower Basin Forum had a few meetings last fall to think about conceptual models and technical issues. He indicated that the Tribe's consultant (Ridolphi) is working on watershed information for the next few weeks. Beckwith suggested that this work may develop into a PFT for stream stabilization outgrowth. He also brought up that work is proceeding on the Schlepp property in regards to the conservation easement and that other projects are being looked at.

Hardy asked if this information would be sent to all of the TLG members. Beckwith answered that he needs to find out who is on it. Hardy suggested that maybe interested people could sign up on a new list.

Brewer: Nothing to report.

Dailey: Reported that she is working on the scope of work for the monitoring wells to be installed in OU-2 around mid-July.

Snider: Nothing to report.

Hardy: Asked what formal recommendations were made in a memo that was discussed in a previous email. Spears remarked that it was in regards to ICP plans and funding issues that were not being addressed now; and what the TLG wants. Hardy suggested to Spears that "recommendations" be deleted out of the first sentence as it is too formal a document for the overall content and that it should be a summary of the information discussed. He also believed that it was discussed that the PHD would administer the ICP and that the Tribe would administer the ICP for the southern end with advice from the PHD; and that it is not indirectly alluded to in point #3 of the ICP.

Spears indicated that the language in regards to "recommendations" could be deleted and

“informal summary” be substituted instead. Hardy said that he would send the verbage the way he remembers it as there were differences of opinion.

Harwood asked if the information should be included in the board packets. Spears said that he would send the information to Harwood as he would like to keep the TLG members informed on any comments discussed. Harwood indicated that the board packets would be mailed next week.

Harwood: Reported that he had been working on putting together the board packet information. He discussed the agenda for the BEIPC meeting on June 21 which included a presentation on mine/mill work by Bill Adams; and the latest draft (#5) for the ICP. He indicated that he may not have a chance to get the board packet information to the TLG until later next week as he needs to send it to the BEIPC commissioners first.

Harwood mentioned that he met with TerraGraphics in regards to the ICP map and that they will produce a large copy that he will put on the wall for the meeting. The board packets will contain 4 pages of the map and 1 page for the legend on 8 ½ x 11” paper as the document is too large to print the whole copy. He will send the TLG members the map by email if he can get a copy of it in pdf format so that everyone has a chance to look at it before the meeting.

Snider indicated that Sandy Young of Kootenai County will have the position that needs to be included in the board packet. Harwood said that he will include the information if he receives it in time. Otherwise, he will put in a placeholder as he wants the commissioners to see all of the information on the ICP.

Harwood also brought up that the change in the Tribe’s representation needs to be resolved before the BEIPC meeting can proceed; and that the NRD Trustees have requested 10 minutes on the agenda. For the ICP, he pointed out that Jerry Cobb of the PHD will be making a presentation which will then be followed by public comment periods. At the end of the discussions, the BEIPC will vote upon this issue. Harwood indicated that he is not sure what the regulatory agencies will do if the ICP is not approved. He mentioned that the attorneys will also need to approve the ICP.

Snider asked Harwood if he had looked at the information from Curt Fransen of the AG’s office. Harwood answered that he had not yet had a chance to review it.

Before ending the call, Spears reiterated the need for everyone to send their information for the board packets as soon as possible.

Schedule: The next TLG conference call will be scheduled 6/8/06.

Thank you for your participation.