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April 26th, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

In Attendance

Dave Crowther, Lorna Anderson, Andy Whiteman, Larry Thomas, Birney Holberg, George Simonton, Dave Sweet, Elaine Tabacinski, Gregg Bierei, Duane Feick, Bob Capron, Randy Moore, Mark Vondersaar, with Laura Logan by teleconference.

Meeting Time and Location: 7:00pm at Dave Crowther's residence.

Agenda:

1. April 27th Wyoming Resource Advisory Council (RAC) project recommendations.
2. Possible hosting of WY TU Council Fall Conference by EYTU

Specifics:

1. Bob Capron discussed proposed RAC projects for Park County.
 - a. Projects have to impact the forest in some manner.
 - b. Anyone can submit a project proposal.
 - c. The larger the number of project partners, the more likely a project will be funded and executed.
 - d. The RAC receives project funding, in part, from ground leases (timber, grazing). The RAC can fully or partially fund a project, depending on cost, priority, and available funding partners.
 - e. \$120,000 is available for Park County projects, but is inadequate to cover all costs.
 - f. Bob described 3 of the 6 proposed RAC projects for Park County, which he suggests be given low priority and not be recommended for funding at the April 27th RAC meeting in Thermopolis; those 3 are:
 - i. Pilot Creek toilet
 - ii. Eagle Creek toilet
 - iii. Hunter Creek road improvement
 - g. The 3 projects that Bob intends to recommend for RAC funding are:
 - i. \$50,000 for Park County Weed and Pest to combat the invasive species Dalmation Toadflax. In the past, RAC has fully funded Weed & Pest projects.
 - ii. \$45,000 for a sprinkler system in the hay meadows G&F habitat in Sunlight Basin. Currently the meadows is being flood-irrigated. This project would eliminate the need for a fish screen. WY G&F Craig Swanson is project manager. The project has about \$100,000 in funding commitments from others but will need \$45,000 from RAC.
 - iii. \$40,000 for Sunlight Creek stabilization. Laura Burkhardt is managing the project. Project cost estimate is \$730,000 with all but \$40,000 coming from other potential sources
 - h. \$50,000 + \$45,000 + \$40,000 = \$135,000; therefore there is a \$15,000 funding shortfall for the 3 projects being recommended by Bob.
 - i. Bob proposes that EYTU funds be used to make up the shortfall, with the EYTU funds specifically applied to the Sunlight Creek Stabilization Project.
 - ii. Funding options:
 1. Remove funds from EYTU net assets
 - a. Could use proceeds from sale of Commissioner's License
 - b. Dave Sweet informed the group that EYTU has sole authority over the Newton Lake funds and that they can be used for other than Newton Lake work.
 2. Research other sources, eg. Embrace A Stream Grant money.
 - i. Motion to the Board: EYTU to commit to funding Sunlight Creek Stabilization \$15,000 shortfall, either utilizing EYTU assets or another funding source, contingent upon:
 - i. RAC approval of Bob's recommendations at the April 27th meeting
 - ii. Sufficient partner funding of the balance of the \$730,000 project cost.
 - j. ***The motion was seconded and approved.***

2. WY TU Council Fall Conference – 3-day event
 - a. End of October or early November.
 - b. The WY TU Council Conservation Committee will be attending - could participate in the Trout Rescue and tour the fish screens
 - c. The Conference is attended by host chapter and representatives of other WY TU chapters.
 - d. Tentative schedule
 - i. Friday: go fishing; dinner
 - ii. Saturday: Meeting
 - iii. Trout rescue participation and fish screen tour
 - e. Host Responsibilities
 - i. Reservation of dining and meeting accommodations, and coordination of
 1. Friday dinner
 2. Saturday breakfast, lunch, dinner, raffle
 3. Sunday breakfast
 - ii. In the past, event cost has totaled around \$1500. The Council will reimburse but the last time EYTU hosted we didn't accept the reimbursement.
 - f. Motion to the Board: EYTU will host the Fall Conference.
 - g. ***The motion was seconded and approved.***

M. Vondersaar