

Hinkson Creek  
Collaborative Adaptive Management  
Stakeholder Committee Meeting  
December 13, 2012

**ATTENDING:** Commissioner Karen Miller, Diane Oerly, Jeanine Pagan, Joe Engeln, Jonathan Sessions, Paul Land, Gary Ward, Ben Londeree, Hank Ottinger, Jay Turner, Shawn Grindstaff.

**ABSENT:** Paul Mehrle, Daryl Dudley, Don Stamper, Frank Gordon, Nathan Odle.

1. The minutes were approved as amended.

Shawn opened the meeting with a welcome and introductions. He then clarified a procedural point with regard to the Five Party Agreement, namely if the Stakeholders Committee needs to involve itself with the details of procurements, project feasibility, and the like. Such issues are the purview of the Action Team, he stated; the Stakeholder Committee should be more concerned with “the big picture.”

**Updates from Action and Science Teams :**

**Forum :**

Tom Wellman reported that city staff has worked up a tighter estimate on project cost, estimating that the project will cost \$82,000.00 over a five year period (\$34,750.00 for construction; \$37,250.00 for five years of monitoring). If we want to determine more accurately the effects of the project on the land, monitoring will have to be extended to ten years. Were that the decision, total cost would be approximately \$128,900.00. Thus, a decision must be made, before which the Action Team would like to figure costs split between the three funding entities.

With regard to project details, there was discussion about the relative merits of using grasses as ground cover or using a mixture of trees and shrubs. Maintenance is more difficult with grasses than with trees, however, and more research is called for. Columbia Parks and Recreation as well as the University’s Forestry Department has expressed interest in the process, possibly volunteer or planned planting.

**Habitat Assessment:**

Shawn stated it is evermore important to work out the budget details, given a 90-day limit. Bill Florea distributed the Physical Habitat Data Development (up to \$100,000.00) to be looked over since it has been roughly 120 days since it has been talked about. It is now time for the official action to say we support the Habitat Assessment, so it can be forwarded to the partners who will then have 90 days to get back to the Stakeholders regarding any modifications or lack of support. The three local partners will meet to determine funding splits and any proposed changes. The Stakeholders Committee needs to consider the budget range and proposed timeline sometime in the coming year.

Following a brief discussion, the motion was made and unanimously passed to move forward with the Habitat Assessment, utilizing a budget not to exceed \$100,000 and to begin the project in 2013. This will follow the five party agreement under which action must be taken or it must be referred back to the Stakeholders within 90 days (March 13, 2013).

The next meeting date and time will be determined later.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25.