

Cheoah River Resource Management and Enhancement Fund

Annual Meeting
October 15, 2014, 12:00 noon
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Office Conference Room
160 Zillicoa Street
Asheville, NC

Meeting Notes

Participants: Chris Goudreau (NCWRC)* - Chair
Mike Bolt (EBCI)*
Mark Cantrell (USFWS)*
Jason Farmer (USFS)*
Fred Tarver (NDENR)*
Myra Hair (Brookfield)
Marshall Olson (Brookfield)
Jody Smet (EA Engineering)
Greg Cable (Graham County)
Roger Carlton (Town of Santeetlah)
Erin McCombs (American Rivers)

* indicates Board member

1. Introductions

After introductions, Chris Goudreau opened the meeting and reviewed the agenda (Attachment 1).

2. Update of Finances

Chris Goudreau handed out the financial report (Attachment 2) prepared by DENR as fiduciary agent. As of June 30, 2014 the Fund had \$37,139.89 available for new projects.

3. Updates of Funded Projects

a. Yellow Creek Falls trail (LTLT)

Paul Carlson provided an update via email indicating that the trail work was completed. Mark Cantrell received the completion report and invoice from LTLT and will forward it to the group.

b. Propagation of Olive Darters (CFI)

Pat Rakes provided an update via email indicating that they missed this year's opportunity to collect broodstock prior to breeding season this year due to the late date of grant award and poor field conditions. They have set up the aquarium holding and breeding system. Since there was essentially no work conducted in 2014, it was

recommended that the contract be adjusted to run from 2014-2016 instead of 2013-2015. The Board agreed with adjusting the contract period.

c. Captive culture and reintroduction of fishes and mussels (NCWRC)

Chris Goudreau provided a verbal report on behalf of Steve Fraley, who will provide a written report by the end of the year. A total of over 20,000 Appalachian elktoe, Wavy-rayed lampmussel, and Rainbow mussel are currently in the hatchery, with plans to stock several thousand later in 2014. In 2014, there were difficulties in producing Spotfin chub.

d. Gravel augmentation (NCWRC and others)

The Board approved \$20,000 for this purpose in 2013. Chris Goudreau reported that efforts were underway to obtain the permits and contracts to install the gravel from a stockpile located along the Tuckasegee River. DENR has awarded a contract for NCWRC to oversee the project. Chris reported that extra work might be needed to move the entire stockpile to the Cheoah River and requested that the Board approve additional funds for this project. The Board approved increasing the limit to \$37,100.

4. Review of Fund Proposals for 2015

No proposals were received for consideration in this funding cycle.

Discussion followed about making sure the request for proposals is posted on the website.

5. Other Fund Board Business

It was noted that the website needs to be updated. Myra Hair will work with Chris Goudreau on this.

There was a discussion about ensuring that communications among partners is maintained and improved to make sure that the Board's business is efficient and timely.

Gerrit Jobsis (American Rivers) requested via email that he be replaced on the Fund's distribution list by Erin McCombs.

6. Select Chair for 2015

Mike Bolt (EBCI) was selected as Fund Board Chair for 2015. Mike requested that a letter be sent from the current chair to the EBCI describing the nature of the chairman's duties.

7. Adjourn

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7. Review Action Items
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Fiduciary Report

June 30, 2014

07/01/13	FY Starting Balance			\$	75,533.51
01/21/14	Deposit - Brookfield 2014 payment			\$	30,532.00
06/30/14	Interest July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014			\$	348.81
06/30/14	Disbursements FY 2013-2014			\$	14,274.43
	<i>Conservation Fisheries, Inc. (11/26/13)</i>	\$	8,274.43		
	<i>Land Trust for the Little Tennessee (03/18/14)</i>	\$	6,000.00		
06/30/14	FY 2013 - 2014 Ending Balance (June 30, 2014)			\$	92,139.89
06/30/14	Funds encumbered by contract as of June 30, 2014			\$	(55,000.00)
	<i>Land Trust for the Little Tennessee (04/15/14)</i>	\$	5,000.00		
	<i>Conservation Fisheries, Inc. (04/15/14)</i>	\$	20,000.00		
	<i>Wildlife Resources Commission (04/23/14)</i>	\$	30,000.00		
06/30/14	Funds available for contracting			\$	37,139.89

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June 30, 2014