

**Asotin County Conservation District**  
**Thursday – February 22, 2018**  
**Special Board Meeting**  
**Taken by: Megan Stewart**  
**Prepared by: Megan Stewart**

Chairman Keith Ausman called the Board Meeting, held by conference call, to order at 7:02 p.m.  
Supervisors present: Jerry Hendrickson, Jason Schlee, Levi Luhn

ACCD Staff: Megan Stewart, Brad Riehle

Guests: Ray Ledgerwood (WSSC)

**New Business:**

➤ **WDFW Interlocal Agreement:**

WDFW contacted Megan last week regarding the fish passage barrier to West Branch Rattlesnake caused by flood on Main Stem Rattlesnake. They want to get the wood debris that has built up removed ASAP. The hope was high flows would correct the blockage but this has not happened. They want to get the barrier removed as quick as possible so Steelhead entering Rattlesnake Creek would have a place to spawn. The likelihood of any survival for any that spawn on the mainstem is very low due to the damaged conditions. WDFW came up with \$3,000 from their general fund to get the work done.

Contracting with a private individual is timely for WDFW but they can get a government to government interlocal agreement in place quickly. They are requesting ACCD enter into an interlocal agreement with WDFW so they can provide funds to us, so we can reimburse the landowner for correcting the fish passage barrier. WDFW staff will be assisting in securing the permits as well as providing construction oversight. Both the WDFW engineer and biologist will be on site during the construction.

**Deliverables**

- Arrange landowner permission to access and construct
- Sub-contract equipment and operator
- Obtain HPA – WDFW will provide assistance in obtaining this permit and arrange with other permitting agencies as needed
- Construction – remove passage barrier – WDFW will provide on-site engineering and biological technical assistance to direct removal of the barrier

The agreement will be effective February 21, 2018 to March 21, 2018. ~ *Jason Schlee moved and Jerry Hendrickson seconded a motion to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with WDFW for the West Rattlesnake Fish Passage Barrier Removal. Motion Carried. 1*

➤ **Fish Barrier Removal Project Agreement:**

Megan contacted Gerald Halsey, West Branch property owner, regarding the fish barrier and the project being proposed by WDFW. He was agreeable to the project and requested we work directly with his contractor. ACCD will need to have a project agreement in place with him to reimburse him for the work done or he can assign his payment to the contractor. Next step is to get price quotes from Mark Heuett, MHGC (Gerald's contractor) for mobilization and hourly rate for equipment/operator. ~ *Jerry Hendrickson moved and Levi Luhn seconded a motion to enter into a Project Agreement with Gerald Halsey for the West Rattlesnake Fish Passage Barrier Removal. Motion Carried. 2*

**Review of Motions:**

1. *Jason Schlee moved and Jerry Hendrickson seconded a motion to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with WDFW for the West Rattlesnake Fish Passage Barrier Removal. Motion Carried. 1*
2. *Jerry Hendrickson moved and Levi Luhn seconded a motion to enter into a Project Agreement with Gerald Halsey for the West Rattlesnake Fish Passage Barrier Removal. Motion Carried. 2*

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. by Chairman Keith Ausman.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:**  
**Thursday – March 15, 2018**  
**6:30 p.m.**

Keith Ausman  
CHAIRMAN SIGN

3/15/2018  
DATE

Jerry Hendricks  
SUPERVISOR SIGN

3/15/18  
DATE