

TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY
March 31, 2005

Participants:

Bill Adams
Lloyd Brewer
Phillip Cernera
Angela Chung
Randy Connolly
Anne Dailey

Rogers Hardy
Terry Harwood
Ron Roizen
Rusty Sheppard
John Snider
Rob Spafford

Dave Sternberg
Mark Stromberg
Nick Zilka
Note taker: Holly LeBret

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:

Discussion about the 1 & 5 year plans, the agenda for next week's TLG meeting (April 5th), and EPA funding for a TLG Chair.

1) 1-year and 5-year Plans: Anne Dailey said that everyone should have received two emails, each with two attached 1 and 5 year plans (one was from her and one from Robbin Simmons, of IDEQ). Bring all four work plans to the April 5th TLG meeting. After the TLG review, the plans go to the CCC for their review.

A schedule for these drafts was discussed. The TLG final review will be submitted back to Dailey and Simmons before April 15th, when they will forward the revised drafts to the CCC. On April 20th the CCC will hold their meeting and provide comments on the drafts so that final changes can be made and the plans will be forwarded to Terry Harwood for the Commissioner's packets, on April 25th.

2) TLG funding for Chair position: Bill Adams sent out a memo about funding support that the EPA will provide for the TLG chair position. It is seed money and the amount is \$20k to \$30k, depending on the duties for this upcoming year. The memo pointed out that a reduced effort is anticipated, with the lack of CWA funding this coming year.

Terry Harwood said that there is more work for the TLG to do, i.e. review of the CWA deliverables. He sees support services as a problem and said that the protocols say that the Executive Director will provide clerical support, if possible, to the TLG chair. He spoke with both county and agency folks and decided to retract his offer of providing clerical services, because some suggested that he may wind up exerting undo influence on the process.

There was discussion about the need and unanimous desire of those present on the TLG call, for Harwood's office to provide support. Many questioned Harwood about who made the suggestion that he not provide support and Cernera asked if there was any one on the call who would be opposed to Harwood's support of the TLG chair, no one opposed it.

Ron Roizen said he recommends Harwood as the next TLG chair.

There was discussion about the amount of funding. Cernera had provided a summary to Harwood of his expenses. Harwood cut that in half and gave it to the EPA. Rog Hardy asked Cernera how his funding came about, if he had to request that Tribal Council put forth funding. Cernera explained that his office has had a long standing cooperative agreement for funding with the EPA, those funds were reallocated and increased to fund the Chairmanship. The Tribe set up an ongoing budget from General Funds to help fund the position.

Several things were discussed: the cost of setting up an office if a newly elected chair did not have one established; the amount of seed money; and the amount spent on subcontracting. Dailey said that this year there is a different landscape then we had in the past, with no CWA funding to contend with and the fact that Harwood is on board.

3) Agenda: Harwood said that he would post the agenda on the Basin Commission web site and that he would get information to the TLG via email after he gets a final roster. He will forward both the agenda and the roster to Cernera for review. Everyone will be forwarded a copy of the roster to verify that the information about them is correct.

Cernera asked if the TLG is in a position to nominate and vote on a chair and a vice chair, or does the number of votes still need to be resolved. (The TLG has voted on whether the protocols give all TLG entities a vote or just seven votes from the Commissioner's appointees and voted 18 to 2 to recognize that each of the entities on the TLG have one vote).

Roizen said that the Board of Commissioners should decide who could vote after they review the Minority Report.

Hardy, who voted that the protocols do indicate a vote per entity, has recommended to Jack Buell that the Commissioners need to decide whether or not to change the protocols and allow only seven votes. If the voting takes place before the next Board meeting, it will still be an issue. Bill Adams suggested deciding on a temporary chair until this is all decided. Cernera said that he would continue to act in that capacity until this is resolved.

Harwood said that on the agenda for the next Board meeting, the TLG chair is to bring the issue before the Commissioners.

Lloyd Brewer said that we have protocols along with past practices, that it is appropriate to act and vote at the next meeting.

Other considerations about the position of chair for the TLG: Nick Zilka asked if the EPA seed money was to be shared between a chair and a vice-chair; Harwood stated that his office would need to acquire necessary equipment to support the TLG chair; Rusty Sheppard asked that a more clearly defined estimate of the cost for the responsibilities for the position be ready for the next meeting; and Dailey asked if we are spending the time on the right thing. Cernera said that there would be a discussion at the next TLG meeting that will flesh out what the chair position will be responsible for over the next year; whether it will be part time and if technical support will be needed.

Round Table:

There was no time left for a round table.

Schedule:

April 5th TLG face-to-face meeting at Idaho Department of Transportation, 600 W. Prairie, Coeur d'Alene, 9 A.M.

Thank you for your participation.