# Meeting Minutes Spokane River Regional Toxics Task Force Administrative and Contracting Entity (ACE) February 9, 2015 Water Resources Center

Directors in Attendance

**Directors Absent** 

Rick Eichstaedt Bud Leber Dave Moss

Dale Arnold

Doug Krapas

Tom Agnew

Guests

None

#### **Review Agenda/Additional Items**

Need to add discussion of Legislative funding efforts.

## Accountant: Bud lead discussion about hiring of accountant

- Hired Fruci & Associates: Need to sign a letter of engagement to formalize relationship.
- Fruci will review 2013, 2014 taxes and prepare 1099.
- Motion to approve engagement letter with Fruci by Tom, Dale seconded, approved.
- Motion to designate Dave assigned as management contact with Fruci with Bud as back-up, motion Doug, second by Tom, approved.

#### Treasurer's Report: Report by Dave

- As of the end of January, we have \$250k in the bank.
- End of December 2014, account had \$145k in the bank.
- We may move \$200k into savings.
- Reimbursement from ecology will be coming soon.

## 2014 Financial Statement: discussed by Bud.

- Discussed 2014 quarter by quarter and calendar year financial statement.
- We are generally spending what we are taking in.
- Began 2014 with \$120k and ended at \$145k.

#### **Status of Contracts (Spending and Scopes)**

- Reviewed ACE Spending Schedule included projection of spending and cash flow through 2015.
- Ruckelshaus: up to date with billing. Fixed price contract.
- We will likely need to move money to address additional items that were identified at the technical workshop to close out LimnoTech phase 2 contract.
- Bud will talk to LimnoTech (Dilkes) to get the costs to complete.
- AXYS: no forecasted spending with them because we reduced the scope by \$13k.
- SVL: not doing extended sampling. About \$5k in savings.
- Gravity: \$68k short in billing they have a draft sampling report they need to finalize the report which will spend a portion of the unspent money.
- Need to revise scope of work with LimnoTech to close out Phase 2 work.

#### Reviewed Budget Status Document for the Legislative funds (\$350k)

- All work needs to be accomplished before June 30, 2015.
- We have spent \$155k to date on that, we can bill \$125k, we have about \$69k left to spend.
- We will be getting Gravity and LimnoTech in the not to distant future.
- What other work can we do to spend the money?
- Doug: We asked for \$800k for the next biennium.
- We are likely to get it.
- We need to write letters of support.

#### Discussion of ideas for use of the remaining funding

- Gaging station at Green Street
- Upriver dam: gaging station? Is there an opportunity for additional data?
- Providing biochar at valley and county stormwater facilities
- Assisting hydro seed company to provide low PCB product
- \$5-10k for upgrading the Green Street
- Need costs and proposal for Green Street by end of the February
- Next Task Force meeting the end of February.

#### **Status of Reimbursements**

Discussed Ecology Contract

#### **Status of Business Filings**

- State Excise Taxes: We file and say we are exempt.
- Federal Taxes: Law clinic is assisting us to complete this.
- Labor & Industries: Accountant fixed this and we no longer need to file.

# **By-laws Revision**

- Discussed conflict of interest and compensation policy.
- Motion to approve conflict of interest and compensation policy, Tom motion, second by Dale, approved.

# Other Items as Requested

- Status of SRRTTF Leadership
  - o Rick will follow-up with Andy Dunau and get
- MOTION to Approve of Minutes: Jan, May, Sept, Nov 2014: Dale moved, Doug seconded: Approved.