

TRUSTEE COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

Anchorage, Alaska

March 1, 2004

By Kevin Duffy
Trustee Council Member

Trustee Council Members Present:

Joe Meade, USFS
Drue Pearce, DOI***
James Balsiger, NMFS

•Kevin Duffy, ADF&G
Ernesta Ballard, ADEC
Gregg Renkes, ADOL**

• Chair

** Craig Tillery alternate for Gregg Renkes

*** Participating by teleconference

Meeting convened at 10:05 a.m., March 1, 2004 in Anchorage at the EVOS Conference Room.

Trustee Meade presented a commemorative tribute for Ken Holbrook, USFS, who is retiring in April. Ovation by all present followed.

1. Approval of the Meeting Notes

APPROVED MOTION: Approved the February 9, 2004 meeting notes as amended. (Attachment B)

Motion by Balsiger, second by Tillery

2. Approval of the Agenda

APPROVED MOTION: Approved the agenda for the March 1, 2004 meeting as amended to hold the Executive Session during a working lunch. (Attachment A)

Motion by Balsiger, second by Meade

Public comment period began at 10:10 a.m.

Public comment received from 4 individuals in Anchorage, Kodiak, and Homer.

Public comment period closed at 10:30 a.m.

3. Policies and Procedures

APPROVED MOTION: Approve revision to the EVOS Policies and Procedures General Operating Procedures: “The Executive Director shall provide a proposed agenda and appropriate briefing materials to the Trustee Council members at least 10 days in advance of the meeting. All materials from the public or from agency personnel for inclusion on that meeting’s agenda shall be turned into the Executive Director at least 15 days prior to the meeting.” (The remainder of the language in the policy remains intact and in place.)

Motion by Ballard, second by Meade

4. FY 04 Work Plan Administrative Budget

APPROVED MOTION: Approve Trustee Council Travel be included in FY 04 Work Plan Administrative Budget. “All Trustee Council member’s (including designated alternates) travel expenses directly associated with attendance at all Trustee Council business shall be reimbursed out of EVOS TC funds. Reimbursement shall include transportation, overnight accommodations and per diem specific to the Trustee Council business only. EVOS TC funds will not reimburse expenses for lodging for other meetings scheduled in conjunction with Trustee-related business and meetings.”

Motion by Ballard, second by Pearce

5. National Ocean System (NOS) Grant

APPROVED MOTION: Approve EVOS staff applying NOS grant funds for Hinchinbrook-Montague Project.

Motion by Meade, second by Balsiger

APPROVED MOTION: Approve entering into a MOU with other partners in this project that would clearly outline the responsibilities of all parties. Negotiations with the others involved need to clarify that the TC will not be responsible for large amounts of money for operating expenses.

Motion by Ballard, second by Meade

6. Executive Session

APPROVED MOTION: Approve moving to executive session to discuss litigation issues.

Motion by Ballard, second by Pearce

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Off the record: 11:53 a.m.
On the record: 1:25 p.m.

7. FY 04 Work Plan

APPROVED MOTION: Approve for funding FY 04 deferred projects: Walker - \$18,800, Bechtol - \$37,600, and Mann - \$46,600 (revised budget for \$45,000 was received after the March 1, 2004 Trustee Council meeting).

Motion by Ballard, second by Meade

APPROVED MOTION: Approve modification of FY 04 Work Plan by \$1,500,000 to establish a contingency fund allocated to the Department of Law to address the issue of lingering oil and form a working group to review other unfinished business and remaining deferred projects, including lingering oil, giving Saupe and Couvillian mapping projects priority.

Motion by Balsiger, second by Ballard

APPROVED MOTION: Approve lapsing remaining \$607,310 from FY 03 funds for additional FY 04 Work Plan projects.

Motion by Tillery, second by Balsiger

8. FY 05 GEM Invitation for Proposals

APPROVED MOTION: Approve adoption and release of FY 05 Invitation with the addition of a Community Involvement component in every project and clarifying the lingering oil language.

Motion by Meade, second by Ballard

9. Small Parcel Program

APPROVED MOTION: Approve reimbursing \$202,756.59 outstanding debt to The Nature Conservancy and The Conservation Fund.

Motion by Ballard, second by Meade

APPROVED MOTION: Approve establishing a Small Parcel Working Group. "The Trustee Council instructs the Executive Director to convene a working group to address the EVOS Habitat Protection Small Parcel Acquisition Program. Membership of this group should include interested federal and state trustees and/or their staff, appropriate agency staff, and non-government organization (NGO) representatives, as well as a representative from the EVOS Public Advisory Committee. The charge for this working group includes the review of current and past processes and procedures for the Habitation Protection Small Parcel Acquisition Program and formulating recommendations for future program implementation. The product of this working group is to be prepared by the Executive Director and provided to the Trustee Council for review and consideration."
Amended to include: The Nature Conservancy to proceed with negotiations on the McGee parcel. Further amended to include: reimbursement of \$10,355 to Alaska

Department of Natural Resources for costs associated with the purchase of the Thompson, Knol, Nakada and McGee properties .

Motion by Ballard, second by Meade
First amendment to motion by Balsiger, second by Ballard
Second amendment to motion by Ballard, second by Meade

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m. Motion by Meade, second by Ballard