

MIRROR POND  
STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 5, 2012

Attendance: Bill Smith, Angie Jacobson, Matt Shinderman, Don Horton, Greg Blackmore, Neil Bryant and Mel Oberst

1. Discussed BPRD survey results
  - a. Survey of 400 likely voters
  - b. 42% yes – 45% no vote to support dredging without any info on Mirror Pond
  - c. 56% yes – 44% no vote to support dredging when they received info on Mirror Pond benefits
  - d. 33% thought Mirror Pond dredging is important
  - e. When the word “dredging” was replaced with “protection”:
    - i. Dredging 33% in favor to 50% in favor of protecting
    - ii. 71% convinced of value of bond
    - iii. 72% want long term fix – for “protection” of Mirror Pond benefits
    - iv. 39% favor special district and 32% favor a bond measure
    - v. Putting MP on same ballot with BPRD bond will not be successful
  - f. Neil said results under subsection c above needed to be above 70% for a successful campaign to do anything for MP
2. Discussed meeting with Corps and Dept. of State Land (DSL) by Greg and Matt
  - a. Modify dam for fish passage estimated at \$1 Million- favored by DSL
  - b. Power production at PP dam will not warrant fish passage cost –therefore cost of passage would be a cost of the Mirror Pond project
  - c. DSL – wants a thorough evaluation of impacts
  - d. Corps is not concerned like DSL
  - e. ODFW – Brent and Mike are concerned about impacts if fish are reintroduced and/or for existing fish populations in the reach, particularly for native Redband trout
  - f. No EIS or NEPA process is required by either agency
  - g. Environmental impact analysis is not required by DSL but an alternative analysis is required with one option being no build. A formal NEPA EIS is not required unless we seek federal funds for the project which then triggers NEPA.
3. Discussed Mirror Pond ownership, options and concerns
  - a. Indemnification
  - b. Property taxes
  - c. Insurance policy
  - d. Gift of pond to district
4. Need to do alternative analysis as well as community involvement, but in what order?
5. Put \$ in BPRD bond measure to do alternative study – Board would need to approve
6. Take \$ in MP fund to do a values assessment community outreach
7. Matt will check with Jean Lawson & Associates (JLA) to assess what work can be done for \$30,000

8. Bill will work with property owner
9. Spencer Dahl proposal for sluice gates on the PP dam
  - a. Will scour channel but not sediment deposition areas
  - b. Cofferdams near dam impede sluice gate operations
10. Next meeting April 2<sup>nd</sup>
11. Set up MPMB meeting first two weeks in April