
AGENDA

Kinni Corridor Project Committee Meeting

Thursday, June 22, 2017

4-5:30 p.m.

City Hall – Training Room

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL
DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Approval of Minutes from May 11, 2017 and June 8, 2017 Meeting
2. Public Comment
3. Committee Member Check-in: Questions, comments, items not on the agenda
4. Updates
 - a. Schedule Update – Charrette dates and Committee Expectations
 - b. FOTK Monitoring Project
 - c. River Falls Days
5. Feasibility Report Outline – Discussion
6. Technical Studies Update
7. Tech Talk #5 - Dam Removal Alternatives

Based on the June 8 Committee meeting will review and confirm the following:

- a) Relicensing scenarios to present?
 - Scenario 1 – Keep both facilities
 - Scenario 2 – Remove both facilities
 - Scenario 3(a) - Remove one facility and relicense
 - Scenario 3(b) - Remove one facility and surrender

b) Criteria for framing the discussion

- Cost/Financing
- Ecological
- Recreation/Tourism
- Economic
- Other

c) Program structure

- 5:30-6:30 – poster presentations
- 6:30-7:30 – presentation
- 7:30-8:00 – Q&A

Questions to be submitted beforehand. Questions requested via Facebook and email.

d) Panel participants

- Inter-Fluve
- Ayres Associates, and Ismael Martinez
- Leader from a precedent project community (removal and/or restoration)
- DNR resources:
 - Pete Skorseth (permitting),
 - Cheryl Laatsch (Watershed and Dams)
 - Bob Martini (retired WDNR Fisheries)

e) Posters Ideas

- *How organized?*
- *By scenarios and/or by theme?*

Themes from June 8 Committee Meeting to consider for panelists and posters

Cost and financing

- Share honest facts and figures
- Discuss costs for all scenarios
- Cost for keeping or removing: order of magnitude or range of costs as well as potential funding sources
- How will we pay for it? What is the impact to tax payers?
- Opportunity costs related to elimination of hydros

Visuals/Descriptions

- What is behind the dams?
- What will it look like?
- Property around Lake George – if lake is drained, then what? Uses, restoration, ownership.
- Downtown/river relationship – ask presenters to describe river in mid-summer condition.

Scenarios

- Why not just leave one dam?
- What does surrender mean to dam removal?
- Be careful that it is just not two scenarios

Facts

- More directly answer questions related to sediment, fishing, dredging, and lake restoration.
- Thermal impact
- What are the actual ecological implications?

Timeframe/future

- Need to put on our 50 year goggles
- What will the recreation options be 10 years from now?

Other

- Acknowledge that the current situation is not the best we can do
- Share information on precedent projects (ex. Baraboo River)
- Hydro role as a critical asset during natural disaster
- Value of renewable energy

8. FOTK Report Presentation

The Friends of the Kinni Report on Dam Removal represents one of many sources of information to be utilized by the planning team and the Committee as dam alternatives are identified and considered. Please note that, while helpful to start thinking about costs, the cost estimates in the report were not intended to be all-inclusive and therefore should be viewed as 'order-of-magnitude' estimates until additional detail can be added.

Michael Page and Dan Mielke with Inter-Fluve will make a presentation followed by comments from the consultant team and Q/A with the committee.

9. Next Meetings:

- July 15, 2017 Kinni Corridor Plan Booth at River Falls Days
- July 20, 2017 Tech Talk No. 5 – Dam Removal Alternatives
- August 3, 2017 Committee Meeting
 - Finalize Planning Frameworks
 - Tech Studies Review
 - Feasibility Report Outline and Decision Criteria Discussion
 - Discuss Tech Talk 6 – Recreation and Tourism
- September 7, 2017 Tech Talk No. 6 – Recreation and Tourism
- September 14, 2017 Committee Meeting
 - Workshop Roles
 - Tech Studies Review
 - Feasibility Report Outline and Decision Criteria Discussion
- September 25, 2017 Second Survey (per schedule)
- October 25 – 28 Charrette

10. Adjourn