



**Fawn Creek Committee Minutes – Feb. 05, 2026**  
4:00 – 5:00 pm via ZOOM

**Call to Order & Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 4 pm; participants included Pete, Steve, Bob, Kristi, Ken and Greg.

**Mission**

The mission of the committee, as approved by the EMC Board, was stated on the agenda.

**Scope of Work**

A review of an initial five areas of work was reviewed: Education, Development, and Restoration in three locations: the diversion dam, the Goat Creek culvert and the River Road culvert. Pete reported that the draft Architectural Controls language regarding the creek was reviewed by the ACC Committee, presented to the Board and approved at the December meeting. "Appendix F" is now posted on the EMC website and has been shared with Okanogan County Public Works Department.

There was consensus that educating the community is important. Pete will share a draft of a message piece with the committee for review and input. The process of getting a final version out to the community isn't clear; we'll need to run this past Pitkin and Larry Hall for clarification.

It was agreed that removal of the River Road culvert and diversion dam should be the top priorities for restoration, recognizing that EMC has neither the experience with the permitting process, nor funds available and has no experience managing this type of project. Steve and Pete met with Kristen Kirby of Cascade Fisheries last November; they are dialed in on this sort of work and are willing to take it on. Funding might be available through the [UCSRB](#), the [USFWS](#), the [DNR](#) or other funding sources.

The committee recognized that restoration of the culvert under Goat Creek Road, also a barrier to upstream migration and owned by Okanogan County Property, will be a heavy lift. Bob mentioned that some of the funding resources for this work might require a 15 % "local match". The consensus was that efforts to address that culvert should only be taken after barriers on EMC property are resolved.

**New Business**

There was discussion of the nature of the creek on USFS land above Edelweiss. How far up the creek do trout live? Is the culvert under Road 100 also a barrier? It's been observed that cattle will come to the creek, muddy and despoil the water. A future project might be to contact the USFS regarding protection of the creek bed from livestock.

There was discussion about ongoing monitoring of the creek for temperature, sedimentation and fecal matter. Steve mentioned that there are small, simple devices that can provide continuous temperature monitoring. Pete will contact WDFW about this.

Committee members expressed a wish to tour the parts of Fawn Creek in question. Steve & Pete agreed to do that when conditions permit, possibly in conjunction with a WDFW Engineer.

**MOTION:** A motion was made to recommend to the EMC Board that the committee engage with Cascade Fisheries to develop a funding proposal and project plan. We will make that request of the Board at their next meeting February 17<sup>th</sup> and ask for their approval to proceed.