



Meeting Summary

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Public Service Center, 6th Floor Conference Room 698

1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver

Members Present: Brendan Addis, Christy Dunbar (*telephonic*), Michelle Girts, Matthew Jones, Marie LaManna Sue Marshall, Justin Maynard, Michelle Maynard (6:37pm) and Josh Seeds.

Members Absent: none

Staff Present: Greg Shafer, Eric Lambert and Alice Millward

Public Present: Zorah Oppenheimer

I. ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm. Roll Call made. *Commissioner Girts moved to approve the Jan. 8, 2020, meeting summary as amended. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.*

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

III. PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION / RECOMMENDATION / ACTION

Clark County Conservation District – Zorah Oppenheimer, CCCD Executive Director.

Conservation Districts partner with private landowners to *voluntarily* take action to keep our soil and water healthy. They are trusted sources of natural resource expertise and funding, led and staffed by locals who understand the needs of the community that they serve. Clark County Conservation District (CCCD) is a special purpose district. They are non-regulatory and completely voluntary to work with. Primary clients are residential landowners / land managers (urban, rural, suburban), farmers and livestock owners, small forest landowners, residents of Clark County, plant enthusiasts, educators and many others.

Zora highlighted the CCCD's work on the bridge replacement over Mason Creek through their FFFFPP. Currently, they are offering stewardship forestry which includes: free site visits to small forest landowners and free forest management plans, and fish barrier removal programs which assist with free culvert replacement on small forest landowner property. In the future, the CCCD will focus on continuing and expanding watershed stewardship classes, outreach for agricultural landowners and their "Poop Smart Clark" program which is focusing on reducing pet waste.



Public Works - Clean Water Division

Clean Water Division Outreach - Eric Lambert, Clean Water Outreach Specialist.

- Friends of Trees planting The Friends of Trees contract was extended until the end of 2019 to incorporate the additional planting on December 14th. Ninety volunteers planted 81 trees at this event.
- Eric has submitted a request to Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board (LCFRB) to amend the Don't Drip and Drive program's scope of work to add activities in 2020 as an effort to spend down the remaining grant funds. It is a three-year grant, but only had an initial two-year scope. Over the past two years, they have conducted 16 events and looked at 801 vehicles which showed 5% with leaks. New activities will include workshops targeting people with known leaks and additional leak check events.
- Stormwater Partners Projects
 - *Don't Drip and Drive* is continuing in 2020 to spend down remaining funds. The Watershed Alliance is hoping to pilot some workshops as another format to reach people with known leaks.
 - *Private Stormwater Facility Maintenance Resources* – CVTV produced the first video. Stormwater Partners will be providing comments on video format and printed materials at a workgroup on January 17. Cary Armstrong and Eric will be meeting with WALP (WA Association of Landscape Professionals) about providing facility maintenance training.
 - *Watershed Signs and Outreach* – The new signs being installed. Eric would like to thank Commissioner Jones for attending the January kick off / media review of the first sign at Kline Line (bridge over Salmon Creek) The windy, blustery day made revealing the winning sign design challenging. This will be coincided with the start of the outreach campaign at www.clarkwatershed.org. Eric gave the commission a tour through the StoryMap. There is a lot of information jam packed into this very interactive website. It is very user-friendly and features, videos, interactive maps, explanations of watersheds, habitats, the stream health report, recreational opportunities. There are differences in how it looks if opened on phone versus computer. This is a great way to share the information with the public. The commissioners congratulated him on the excellent work creating it and making so user friendly. It will be officially rolled out end of March / early April so that we can advocate for it at the Earth Day celebrations.

Alice Millward, Clean Water Commission Staff Liaison, gave update on several matters.

- The CW manager position has been posted.
- Dates for the Spring Special Meeting: March 25, April 1 (spring break) or April 8. (March 25 looks to be the best date.) Once they confirm their calendars, commissioners should let Alice know what works best for them. The agenda will be focused on a work session to develop the CWC's strategic plan, mission and vision.
- We are looking at early to mid-May for the fieldtrip/tour. This works best with Eric's availability and the weather should be nicer. Please let Alice know if there are any bad dates for the commission. After discussion, the afternoon of May 19 is slated for the annual field trip. We'll focus on the Eastside of county. Potential sites could be stormwater facilities at Grove Field (by East fire and rescue), possibly Jones Creek monitoring station, Steigerwald, Lacamas lake and/or Round lake. Please send additional options to Alice.



- The Water Resources Division Manager position has been officially posted and we are getting applications, so Greg as interim is with us for just a little while longer. Jeff is interviewing candidates for another Engineering Tech position to help address the mapping needs required by the Permit.
- The commissioners should have all gotten calendar invites for the rest of the meetings for the year as well as the two special meetings and field trip planned.
- At the spring special meeting (March 25) you will have the entire meeting set aside to work on strategic planning. Please include me on your work group meeting emails and if your group plans to meet, I should be available to be a note taker if you decide to delve into strategic planning.
- May 6 meeting – Watershed Congress High School Presentations. (Short business meeting – about an hour) then listen to presentations. Since one of your goals was to increase the CWC's outreach and volunteerism, I think this would be a great opportunity for these young STEM people to see water resource professionals.
- Part of my professional goals is tied with this august body. I am continuing to pursue staff and other agency presenters for these meetings. Currently, I am looking to have Bob Patterson in our LSC / Business Pollution Prevention program, the county's Vege Mgt people, Jeff with the next 6 year capital project plan, Henry Schattenkerk - Mapping Infrastructure, Scott Melville with Code Enforcement, Pat Lee from Legacy Lands to discuss their program, and possibly someone from either our Title VI or our county's Diversity, Equity and Integration Committee to talk about the impacts on overburdened populations. There's a balancing act between education and business, so let Alice know if there are particular interests you'd like her to pursue and how much meeting time to devote to it.
- Staff is working hard on new NPDES Permit requirements (Stormwater Technical Manual-whole new section. It is due June 30 and the updated annual Storm Water Management Plan is due at end of March when Rod files Clean Water's annual report.
- Heritage Farm Master Plan will be presented for adoption at Tuesday, March 10 at 10am Council Meeting. Commissioner Marshall will be there.

Working Group Updates: Research, Partnerships and Outreach

All three Working Groups reported on their progress and member assignments.

- **Research Group** (Addis, Dunbar, M. Maynard)
 - Commissioner Michelle Maynard reported the research group met once and focused on the strategic plan. They hope to report their findings in summer of 2020.
- **Outreach & Education Group** (LaManna, Jones)
 - Commissioner LaManna March 9 is the next NACCA meeting. She and Commissioner Jones are looking forward to assisting at the booth for the Klineline Fish Derby on May 1-2 and April 18 Earth Day. She wanted to encourage others to participate in the April 16 Women in Water Resources conference. There are scholarships available.
- **Partnerships Group** (Michelle Girts, Marshall, J. Maynard and Seeds)
 - Commissioner Girts said there were unable to schedule a time when all of their members were available. They will continue to try to meet again to work on drafting the strategic planning documents.



IV. COMMISSION DISCUSSION TIME

- The 2019 Clean Water Commission Annual Report presentation was given to the Council in February. It went well even with the technical difficulties we encountered and meeting in the Council Chambers instead of Training Room 698. Commissioner Addis thanked all of the members who attended and helped with the presentation. One aspect that came from the meeting was that the CWC members should indicate where we are from. Alice will update the letterhead and website.
- The Stormwater Management Plan is always available and open for public comment year round. The public may send comments regarding the SWMP to Rod Swanson at rod.swanson@clark.co.gov.
- The Commission would like to have the strategic planning process completed by September and vote to adopt it at the next meeting. The smaller Working Groups are encouraged to work on it prior to the large group work at the spring special meeting.

VI. ADJOURN – 08:38 PM

Summary provided by: Alice Millward, Clark County Staff Liaison / 564.397.5267

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