

### **CLEAN WATER COMMISSION**

# **Meeting Summary**

Wednesday, May 6, 2020 6:30 pm - 7:16 pm WebEx Video Conference due to Covid-19 Pandemic

Members Present: Brendan Addis, Christy Dunbar, Michelle Girts, Matthew Jones, Marie LaManna

Sue Marshall, Justin Maynard, Michelle Maynard and Josh Seeds.

Members Absent: none

Staff Present: Greg Shafer, Jeff Schnabel, Marlee Milosevich, and Alice Millward

Public Present: none

#### I. ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm. Roll Call made.

#### II. PUBLIC COMMENT

None. No requests for access, comments and/or questions were received by staff as of 5pm May 6, 2020. Notices were left in lobby.

#### III. PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION / RECOMMENDATION / ACTION

No actions were taken at this meeting due to the uncertainty due to the Covid-19 emergency stay at home orders. The March 4 summary will be approved at the July Meeting.

### **Public Works - Clean Water Division**

**Clean Water Division Outreach** – Alice gave update for <u>Eric Lambert, Clean Water Outreach</u> Specialist.

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

- Due to the pandemic, our Spring Special meeting that was scheduled for March 25 was cancelled and the area high school students will not be giving their watershed monitoring project presentations tonight.
- Rod wanted to inform you that there are several proposed changes to the stormwater manual under public review. The changes can be viewed on the stormwater manual web page. Clark County will submit the revisions to Ecology for review by June 30 and implement the changes by June 30, 2021.
- Some of the changes are to meet permit requirements but most are driven by staff recommendations and editorial review as we implemented the 2015 manual. The link is www.clark.wa.gov/public-works/stormwater-code-and-manual.
- May 19 Field Trip is cancelled and will be rescheduled when the Covid-19 crisis is over. Same with the cancelled March 25 Special Meeting.
- We welcomed Julie Christian from Vegetation Management to our team in mid-April. She will be working with Henry Schattenkerk to map the stormwater facilities in the county.



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- The county is upgrading to Office 365 and it has been interesting while telecommuting.
- Clean Water is still working hard in a socially distant manner and have modified work processes.

### Working Group Updates: Research, Partnerships and Outreach

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

- Research Group (Addis, Dunbar, M. Maynard)
  - o Commissioner Michelle Maynard reported they have no update at this time.
- Outreach & Education Group (LaManna, Jones)
  - Commissioner LaManna reported they met on March 9 to discuss the strategic plan. A recent NACCA meeting was to feature Eric's story map but was cancelled due to Covid.
- Partnerships Group (Michelle Girts, Marshall, J. Maynard and Seeds)
  - Commission Girts noted they have not been able to meet. They hope to meet electronically via video conference.
  - Meritage Farms Update: Commissioner Marshall noted that the Master Plan was adopted in March. She is on the Core Advisory Committee which is an outgrowth from the master plan process. They are meeting weekly and are discussing the consultant's plans for the NE corner development and getting further clarification from parks and public works.
    - <u>Clean Water staff Marlee Milosivich and Jeff Schnabel</u>, gave a general update on the clean water grant restoration project for the Heritage Farms' property and any impacts due to the possible proposed development in the NE corner. They also discussed the impacts on the Master Gardner program and the wetland. There is an overall plan to tie in this project with the consultant and parks to make sure it's not negatively affected.

#### IV. COMMISSION DISCUSSION TIME

- 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. There was discussion regarding whether we would have any OPMA issues. No as long as we follow quorum limits for work group meetings and publicize the Clean Water Commissions' special meetings. This is a new time for everyone and we're working hard to follow the guidelines.
- Greg Shafer noted that much of the county will be teleworking through at least June and are working at how to best meet the needs of the community as well as employees and the meet the permit requirements.

#### **VI.** ADJOURN – 07:16 PM

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

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