



Meeting Summary

Wednesday, May 4, 2022, at 6:30 pm

Webex Video Conference Due to Covid-19 Pandemic

I. ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm. Roll Call was made.

Members Present: Brendan Addis, Rodger Hauge, Matthew Jones, Jeff Kessenich, Marie LaManna, Josh Seeds and Bob Trost.

Member(s) Absent: Michelle Girts and Sandra Martin-Boehm

Staff Present: Justin Maynard, Jeff Schnabel, Marlee Milosevich and Alice Millward

Public Present: Conner Maynard

Review and Approval of Meeting Summary:

Commissioner Hauge moved, and Commissioner Trost seconded to approve the special March 30, 2022, meeting summary as written. Motion passed unanimously.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

None. No requests for access, comments and/or questions were received by staff.

III. PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION / RECOMMENDATION / ACTION

Justin Maynard, Clean Water Division Manager, gave an overview of the division's activities. Some of the highlights include:

- The Wastewater Treatment Plant transition to Clark Regional should be finalized by July 1, 2022. Staff are expected to transfer June 1st.
- Justin has been focused on increasing the CW staffing levels by adding some project positions and creating a staffing needs analysis. He appreciates the support the CWC has for this since the work loads are increasing each year and we anticipate several key staff retiring in the upcoming years.
- Currently also working on updating the policy and refining the policy and procedures for transfer an up-to-date stormwater facility's ownership from an HOA to the county. It happens rarely but it is time consuming for staff.



Jeff Schnabel, Monitoring and Capital Infrastructure Manager, introduced Marlee and thanked the monitoring staff for all of their work to collect this data, analyze it and then Eric creating a user-friendly method for the public to access it. This has been a very intensive team effort and has yielded some very interesting results.

Marlee Milosevich, Natural Resources Specialist III, presented an overview of the Clark County Stream Health Report. Marlee walked the commission through the draft version of the interactive story map Eric created. She noted that streams are as healthy as the watershed that feeds them. The built environment and the individual actions of the people living in a watershed largely determine the health of that stream. She focused her examples on Cougar Creek since it is the water shed where Clean Water is focusing some of its capital infrastructure efforts. In the future, staff will be able to better see if these efforts are bearing fruit and impacting stream health in that area.

Monitoring stream health helps identify pollutants, allocate resources for watershed improvements, and measure the effectiveness of actions. Stream health is assessed on a number of factors including:

- Water Quality - the chemical and physical properties of water
- Biological Health - how well streams support living creatures
- Stream Flow - whether streams are getting the right amount of water

The other sections of the story map included: healthy streams; threats to stream health; monitoring for water quality; monitoring for biological health; stream health comparison map: 2010 vs 2020; stream health trends map; and the water quality parameters map. Due to recent GIS network changes, there were some glitches that occurred when using the story map. Staff is working diligently to fix these and make it even more user friendly. The CWC is encouraged to share the link to the story map on the county website next week. Below is the link which can also be found on the Clean Water page on the county website.

<https://gis.clark.wa.gov/portal/apps/MapJournal/index.html?appid=85ddc924646643608d075537899d12d0>

Alice Millward, Staff Liaison, gave an overview of Public Works and Clean Water:

- There has been a significant amount of turn-over in Public Works especially in key positions and divisions. We're developing new on and off boarding programs which will hopefully make the process easier.
- As of last Wednesday, our new Acting County Engineer is Brian Vincent.
- Sabra, Clean Water's long time Administrative Office Assistant just retired. We will miss her greatly due to her excellent work as well as her ability to be the glue that helps tie us together.
- We have requested temporary help position for summer monitoring. I'm also slated to be helping our Clean Water Infrastructure group project management on a couple smaller matters to help alleviate some of the pressure on Jeff.



- There are no plans at this time to open the Public Work's front desk back on a fulltime basis. We will be getting a video doorbell installed (like 2nd floor has) for in person appointments.
- Marlee and her team presented the draft of the Stream Health Report to Council recently. – It will be released in next on May 18th.
- The county is instituting a hybrid model for their public meetings. We'll see potentially see this available in July or September.
- The policy and procedures all of Public Work are being updated and standardized.
- The CWD would like to have a field trip in the fall if possible. They would be interested in going to Eastern Clark County if possible. Alice will work on it.
- Marie volunteered to help Alice review and update the CWC bylaws.
- The 2021 Annual Report presentation to Council will be Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at 9am. It will be via video conferencing. You will be receiving a meeting invite soon.

Working Group Updates: Research, Partnerships and Outreach: Each working group gave an update.

Research Group (Seeds-chair, Addis, Trost)

- Chair Seeds indicated met on April 4 and will be drafting a scoping document and may be reaching out for clarification of operations and scientific analysis. They see that they can potentially be able to look at questions such as "What's being done about XYZ?".
- Creek Naming project will be meeting on May 18th. They are looking to expand and shift the focus this project so that it is telling the narrative and history of the Chinese community in the local area. There is potential to have youth groups help research over the summer. The group is not looking to "white wash" it, but to be respectful and true to the real history of the west. The potential vision for this project is that there county parks land near China Ditch that could be used as a Clean Water mitigation site and could have installed educational aspects about the Chinese diaspora in Vancouver. Justin has discussed this with Rocky Houston, the Parks Manager, so he is aware of this possible long-term, grant-funded goal. This Creek Naming project is an example of where the CWC can show a commitment to environmental justice.

Outreach & Education Group (LaManna-chair, Jones, Hauge)

- They met several times in March, but not in April. They are continuing to create a new commissioner training / orientation packet which includes the CWC history.

Partnerships Group (Girts-chair, Kessenich, Martin-Boehm)

- They met on April 11th and will have their finish their planning document about new partnership opportunities will present at the July meeting their findings.



IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

V. COMMISSION DISCUSSION TIME

Clark County Historical Museum will be hosting “*Water Wagons to Now - A History of Clean Water in Clark County*” presentation on May 5th at 7pm.

VI. ADJOURN – 8:06 PM

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

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<https://www.clark.wa.gov/public-works/clean-water-commission>.