



Meeting Summary

Wednesday, July 6, 2022, at 6:30 pm

Webex Video Conference Due to Covid-19 Pandemic

I. ROLL CALL

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

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

Member(s) Absent: Michelle Girts

Staff Present: Brent Davis and Alice Millward

Public Present: none

Review and Approval of Meeting Summary:

Commissioner Addis moved, and Commissioner Jones seconded to approve the regular May 4, 2022, meeting summary as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

III. PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION / RECOMMENDATION / ACTION

Brent Davis, Interim Clean Water Division Manager, introduced himself. He will be filling in until a replacement can be hired for Justin Maynard. The hiring process has already started. Brent has worked at the county for 23 years and is currently a manager in Community Development overseeing the wetland habitat permit reviews and is the shoreline administrator for the county. He is quite familiar with Clean Water as his work overlaps with ours and he worked even more closely when the departments were combined under Environmental Services. He has several weeks scheduled off during the month of July but is happy to be a part of this group.



Education and Outreach report: Eric Lambert, Senior Outreach Specialist, is out of the office currently. He wasn't able to give Alice a full report, so these are some the highlights of what is going on currently in Clean Water.

- Eric has been working on the new phase of the permit's behavior change project – the Canines for Clean Water along two trails.
- He is excited that they have selected the winners for the student watershed video contest. They will be having their videos played at an event in August.
- He's been working with the small acreage program at WSU Vancouver's Extension Office.
- There has been a lot of positive feed back on the 2022 Stream Health Report Story Map. It has been featured in several publications and in the county's employee newsletter.

Staff Liaison Report: Alice Millward, Program Assistant, 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. This includes Justin Maynard, the Clean Water Division Manager and our new County Engineer, Brian Vincent, who just retired as of June 30th. We're developing new on and off boarding programs which will hopefully make the process smoother.
- The Budget change requests are into Eva and the Public Works Finance team where they will be compiled to for the 2023 and Fall Supplemental Budgets.
- Sabra, Clean Water's long time Administrative Office Assistant retired in May. There hasn't been any news yet on the replacement process yet. Hopefully it'll be soon because the admin staff are stretched thin. We have hired James Morrill, a temporary position, to help the monitoring group this summer.
- The policy and procedures for all of Public Work are being updated and standardized and the document retention policy and procedures are being worked on as well.
- The May 18th Annual Report presentation to Council went well. Thank you to all who attended and specially to Chair Addis for another exceptional explanation and his answers to their interesting questions.
- Please be taking pictures while you're volunteering or around the Clark County waterways for the 2022 Annual Report and send them to Alice. It would also be good if Commissioners can take pictures by their watershed sign.

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

Bylaws Group: Commissioner LaManna reported that she and Alice reviewed the current CWC bylaws and several other advisory groups with the county. They have started to update the CWC bylaws and are looking to include diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) into topics within the bylaws and striving for inclusivity. There has been discussion on how often to meet (monthly vs. bimonthly) and what long term strategies



should be employed to increase awareness of the group in the county. (This also includes hybrid versus only in-person meetings in the future and how to encourage greater public access.) Also discussed were the effectiveness of the working groups meetings as a replacement for the off-month meetings. There may be some more opportunities to explore.

Research Group (Seeds-chair, Addis, Trost)

- Chair Seeds indicated they met in May and haven't been able to meet since. They are putting together their scoping document and may be reaching out for clarification of operations and scientific analysis.
- Creek Naming project had a very successful 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. They will be developing a google docs for everyone to have a central place for documents. The group is starting to dive deeply into the research and then they will develop the story to be told. Chair Addis will be presenting to the Clark County Historical Society in August so that they are aware of the efforts and ask for any assistance they may be able to offer.
 - The Chinese community members who are active in this group are very well-known researchers. Many of the research articles from the Oregon Historical Preservation Society's Chinese Diaspora edition were authored by them.
 - The potential vision for this project is that their county parks land near China Ditch could be used as a Clean Water mitigation site and could have installed educational aspects about the Chinese diaspora in Vancouver. Justin had discussed this with Rocky Houston, the Parks Manager, so he is aware of this possible long-term, grant-funded goal.

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

- Chair LaManna indicated that their group has been actively pursuing several projects.
- They are creating training packets for new commissioners so that they will be more up to speed more quickly in their terms. It generally takes about a year for a commissioner to become able to participate in the meetings and discussions more fully. The new orientation packet includes the CWC history.
- They are finalizing their goals for the year and looking at more medium range goals. In addition, they are looking to have an engagement discussion at a group meeting where the CWC can sit down and discuss their personal levels of engagement, experiences, and stories so that everyone has a better understanding of the talents each brings to the table. This can also be added as an engagement roundtable under the general discussion portion of the agenda.
- Outreach group is also working on how to diversify recruiting and be more inclusive of the whole community. They may enlist our public relations department to help reach out more to actively engage the public.
- Commissioner Hauge is working on creating a "round table" and more volunteer opportunities for the commissioners.



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

- Commissioner Kessenich reported that they met on June 5th and July 5th and are finalizing language on their goals.
- They met with Justin, Eric, and Alice earlier this year and have a much better understanding of the partnerships Clean Water currently has and where there are opportunities for more. They will have their finish their planning document ready to present at the September meeting.
- They have identified three areas of future partnership needs: capital planning and projects, improving the watershed and stormwater management and finally DEI principles and goals.

. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Commissioner Hauge would like to look into meeting in person again this Fall. Alice will look into it.

V. COMMISSION DISCUSSION TIME

- Commissioner Round Table:
 - Commissioner Trost would like more background on the county.
 - Commissioner LaManna notified the commission about a recent nature scaping presentation, Surf Riders “Keeping Clean Upstream” presentation whose recording is available through the Camas library and “Talking Trash” program within the Vancouver City limits.
 - Commissioner Martin-Boehm is a NPDES permitting project manager and would like to learn more about the process.
 - Commissioner Jones spends two or three days a week on the water since he is an avid fisherman. He finds the amount of trash, such as yards of fishing line, beer cans and cigarette butts, along the waterways is appalling especially knowing that during a high-water event it will all end up in the rivers and streams.
 - Commissioner Seeds is participating in the cottonwood beach litter pickup and has recently begun a new position at the Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality. He is the Forestry and Water Quality Lead.
 - Commissioner Addis has left the conservation district and has started a native plant landscaping and planting business in May.

VI. ADJOURN – 8:05 PM

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