



Clean Water Commission Meeting Summary

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

I. ROLL CALL and INTRODUCTIONS

Virtual meeting called to order at 6:02 pm by Chair Gathe. Roll call and introductions were made since the new Deputy Public Works Director was present.

(v) Members Present: Tracy Ceravolo(v), John Chatel, Glen DeWillie, Ted Gathe, Alison Schweitzer(v), Alejandra Cortes (v), and Rudy Salakory

Members Absent: Emily Hess and Phil Struck

(v) Staff Present: Devan Rostorfer and Alice Millward

(v) Public Present: David DeKruif (v)

(v) indicates appeared via video conference

Approval Meeting Minutes: *Commissioner DeWillie moved, and Commissioner Schweitzer seconded that the February 5, 2025, minutes be approved as submitted. Motions unanimously approved.*

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

David DeKruif had questions regarding how the monitoring program operates and how local water quality and volumes can affect area lakes – such as Lacamas Lake.

III. PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION / RECOMMENDATION / ACTION

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

2024 Annual Report Approval:

- As part of the code requirement, every year the Clean Water Commission creates an annual report to Council on its previous year's activities, achievements, challenges, community involvement and action plans for the upcoming year. Several members made recommendations for edits prior to the meeting which staff included in final draft. Chair Gathe suggested several others which were agreed upon. He will forward to staff to be incorporated into the final product prior to his signature.
 - *Commissioner Salakory moved, and Commissioner Chatel seconded that the 2024 Annual Report be approved as amended and discussed in the meeting. Motion approved unanimously.*
- Survey responses for preferred dates for the work session with Council and the October Symposium were reviewed.
- Discussion revolving collaboration with other boards and field trips occurred.



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- On April 24, there will be an Open House for the Gordy Jolma project. It will include tours. This was a high interest item from the survey. On June 4th, the CWC will tour the preconstruction site for the Heritage Farm restoration project instead of a regular meeting. On July 16th the CWC will have a joint meeting with the City of Vancouver's Urban Forestry Commission. Alice is also working on several other field trips and presentations over the next year now that she has CWC preferences and priorities.
- After much discussion, the work group assignments are as follows:

Nonpoint Source Pollution Symposium

John Chatel
Tracy Ceravolo
Ted Gathe
Alison Schweitzer

Climate Change Element Implementation

John Chatel
Tracy Ceravolo
Alejandra Cortes
Rudy Salakory

Community Engagement & Inclusion

John Chatel
Alejandra Cortes
Emily Hess
Alison Schweitzer

Rate Study Implementation

Glen DeWillie
Ted Gathe
Rudy Salakory
Phil Struck

SMAP

Glen DeWillie
Emily Hess
Phil Struck

NEW BUSINESS / ACTIONS:

- Commission Engagement: Commissioner DeWillie discussed his experience being a part of the Philbrook RFP review committee. Commissioners Chatel and Ceravolo recounted their volunteer experience at a recent street tree potting event. They felt it was a great opportunity to collaborate with staff and work on providing more future canopy coverage.
- In the future, Devan anticipates that there will be more opportunities for commissioners to be involved with the Community-Based Public Private Partnership (CBP3) RFP and Urban Tree Canopy Assessment projects.



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CLEAN WATER DIVISION UPDATES – Devan Rostorfer, Clean Water Division Manager

- Devan reported that the Solid Waste division is moving back to Public Works from Public Health.
- The SMAP contract is a two-year project which will be signed by Council in early May. It focuses on monitoring specific streams in the Lower Salmon Creek area to assess the effectiveness of the Stormwater Management Plan (SMAP). Staff will give an update after substantial milestones are passed.
- Devan provided an overview of the rate study funded new staff hiring for Q1 and Q2. We are creating an onboarding process as well.
- Devan reviewed a number of issues such as 6PPDQ and exciting projects such as receiving a LCFRB grant for phosphorous filter cartridges and CBP3 project. Devan will be speaking at the Municon conference about our CBP3 project. Our CBP3 is a groundbreaking funding partnership for bioretention maintenance and workforce training. She also updated the CWC on the Stormwater Code and Manual update progress.
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Staff Liaison Report – Alice Millward, CW Program Assistant.

- The work session dates that best work for the CWC are not available so it is looking like the date for the CWC to present the 2024 Annual Report and 2025 work plan will be the morning of June 4.
- The symposium date will be Oct. 28 at the Clark County Fairgrounds which will be a good location since the theme will be focusing on nonpoint source pollution.
- Alice provided an updated 2025 calendar for the year. It lists all the upcoming scheduled CWC meetings with agenda topics and proposed activities and events for the year

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION:

- Chair Gathe would like to encourage all members to attend meetings in person to better facilitate meaningful discussion as much as possible. Discussion ensued. The number one goal is attendance and so it is good to have the hybrid possibility.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.



NEW BUSINESS:

Develop 2025 Priorities and Work Plan:

- As mentioned previously, the Commission would like to host another symposium in the fall, but instead of focusing on a specific body of water, they will address a water quality issue such as nonpoint source pollution. It will still be targeted towards decision makers and implementation partners and not to the general public.
- The Commission is interested in attending a Columbia Land Trust tour while the sandhill cranes are still in residence and other tour / fieldtrip opportunities which will be included in the survey.
- Throughout the meeting, discussion ensued surrounding how the Clean Water Commission can assist with the rate study implementation and how best to utilize the expertise on the board and areas that the commission would like further information on. Some of these included ideas for possible work groups or individual commissioners to help advise in some of the following areas: assisting businesses and HOAs, technical support on policy issues, continue to voice opportunities for collaboration, nutrient reduction, nature-based solutions, habitat restoration, non-point source control – pollution prevention, asset management programs, assisting development of new programs such as the pipe inspection, help with education and outreach, preservation and protection, 6PPD, equity for fees for economically disadvantaged.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION:

- none

VI. ADJOURN – 8:05 PM

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Summary provided by: Alice Millward, Clark County Staff Liaison

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