



Meeting Summary
Wednesday, September 4, 2019
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Public Service Center, 6th Floor Conference Room 698
1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver

Members Present: Marie LaManna, Brendan Addis, Christy Dunbar (telephonically), Michelle Girts, Sue Marshall, Justin Maynard, Michelle Maynard, and Josh Seeds.

Members Absent: David McDevitt

Staff Present: Greg Shafer, Rod Swanson, Jeff Schnabel and Alice Millward

Public Present: None

I. ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm. Roll Call made. Commissioner McDevitt was not present and Commissioner Dunbar appeared telephonically. Commissioner Addis moved to approve the July 3, 2019 meeting summary as submitted. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

III. PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION / RECOMMENDATION / ACTION

Public Works - Clean Water Division

Clean Water Division Interim Manager, Greg Shafer, introduced himself and explained his priorities for the department while under his direction. His number one priority is safety, then permit compliance and standard project management for the department's budget, capital projects, contracts and grants. Clean Water has a great staff and he has full trust in them. He expects to be in place 4-6 months. The commissioners are encouraged to contact him if they have any concerns.

Clean Water Division Outreach

Eric Lambert, Clean Water Outreach Specialist, gave an update on outreach efforts.

- The Friends of Trees contract is being expanded until the end of the year to incorporate an additional planting in December. We have currently planted 450 trees over the two years. We are looking at writing another grant application to expand this successful pilot project.
- LCFRB Grant 18-04- Private stormwater facility maintenance materials – We've conducted the focus groups and started filming the videos at the stormwater facilities including the 360 degree filming and filming at Urban Red Barn's bioretention cells and pervious pavement..
- LCFRB Grant 18-03 - Watershed signs and map – We're working on a sign redesign to improve readability. We're also working on the storymap. We will have the public involved with choosing the sign design.



- Don't Drip and Drive – Working on a scope of work revision to extend the campaign into 2020 (the contract was written for 3 years, but SOW for just two due to uncertainties in costs). It will need approval from LCRFB. They have conducted 16 events and looked at 801 vehicles which showed 5% had leaks.
- East Fork Lewis River Town Hall led by Ecology. Spoke with people about efforts to address bacteria and temperature impairments in the EFLR. Lots of questions at the Town Hall about mining and forest practices. A few were highly concerned with the bacteria levels and why there weren't any signs posted about it. Public Health only posts signs at designated swim beaches, none of which are on the EFLR.
- We're working with Public Health, WSU Extension, Watershed Alliance and the Conservation District to see if we can partner to develop a grant proposal to address these topics.
- Next meeting for the SW Partners will be October 13 which will have the larger group to meet at Luke Jensen.
- The Columbia Watershed Festival will be September 26-27 and Clean Water will be participating with the Enviro-scape. This event impacts a large number of students in a fun, active and meaningful manner. Commissioners are encouraged to volunteer for this event if interested.
- Eric will be presenting at the Conservation District Watershed's class.
- The KPTV (Fox 12) videos are on the air. We're partnering with dozens of jurisdictions in our media shed (Longview to Salem) to get clean water messaging out into mainstream. The campaign just launched. One of their meteorologists will do the messaging which will air during some morning and evening news shows. The first two topics were car washing and weed and feed alternatives. You can watch at: <https://www.kptv.com/water/>.

Rod Swanson, Clean Water Program Manager, explained the new NPDES permit which became effective August 1 and runs until 2025. One of the critical areas will be stormwater asset mapping which will include ditches. The Stormwater Manual is being updated in accordance to the new permit and other staff identified improvements. The urban stream monitoring is on a regional basis which includes the Phase One and Phase Two jurisdictions.

Jeff Schnabel, Clean Water Program Manager, discussed the current 2019-2015 six year capital plan in depth which included policy, goals, the NPDES point system and how the new NPDES permit will affect which projects are prioritized in the upcoming six year capital plan. He explained the proposed 2020-2026 six year capital plan will help continue to meet the permit requirements as well better position Clark County in light of future NPDES permits. They will be presenting to the council on October 9 and will show the CWC at the next meeting.



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

- Greg Shafer, Engineering Division Manager, has been appointed Interim Manager for Clean Water and Waste Water since July 8th and has been doing a good job.
- Public Works has submitted decision packages for the 2020 budget cycle.
- Washington Department of Ecology just issued the new NDPES permit on Monday for Clark County. This is what drives pretty much everything our department does in one form or another since we must comply with what is required in the permit. Rod provided a copy to the commission and will further elaborate in September after he has had a chance to read it and understand its impact on Clark County.
- The Clean Water Commission would like to hold a special meeting in October since there are several presenters who would like to come. There does not look like a good date for a fieldtrip this fall. It will be scheduled in the spring. The meetings will continue to be held in Conference Room 698 because it is more conducive to meet and not as noisy. The January meeting has been moved to January 8 since the first Wednesday is a holiday.
- The Clean Water Commission would like to invite Devan from Department of Ecology to give a presentation on their plan for the East Fork of the Lewis River. It could be Fall or Winter or potentially at the special meeting. She will be invited to the October special meeting.
- Alice will bring to the October Special meeting the proposed code changes regarding the Clean Water Commission. It hasn't been updated since 1999.
- Alice reminded the Commission to continue to update the annual report on the googledocs with conferences, training, or volunteer activities since there will be a lot that must be done in December. It is easiest is to download the document as a word document, instead of editing in the google drive as a googledocs document, and then upload it again. It will replace it with the updated version and keep a copy of the old version. The county is starting to shift over to Office 365 and so within the next year, this account may change.

Working Group Updates: Research, Partnerships and Outreach

All three Working Groups reported on their progress.

- **Research Group**
 - Commissioner Addis explained not a lot of movement has happened due to the busy summer schedule.
- **Partnerships Group**
 - Commissioner Girts reported they also have not met due to the summer.
 - Commissioner Marshall interviewed Devan Rostorfer, a water quality specialist with Department of Ecology. Devan is reviewing the notes and they will be given when approved.



- **Outreach & Education Group**

- In July, Chair LaManna attended the ESRA Conference (GIS conference) which was held in San Diego. She learned a lot and noted many social media opportunities.
- During the August NACCA meeting the county presented the Master Shoreline plan and she is interested to see the presentation at the October special meeting. The next NACCA meeting is September 9 and she reported more neighborhoods are joining and becoming active.

IV. COMMISSION DISCUSSION TIME

- The commissioners spent time brainstorming ideas for a possible updated vision, mission, values, and possible objectives and action plans as part of process to create a 5-6 year Strategic Plan for the commission.

VI. ADJOURN – 08:29 PM

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

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