



Clean Water Commission Meeting Summary

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Hybrid Meeting via Teams and in the PSC Conference Room 698

I. ROLL CALL and INTRODUCTIONS

Meeting called to order at 6:36 pm by Devan Rostorfer. Roll call and introductions were made.

Members Present: Tracy Ceravolo, Alejandra Cortes(v), Glen DeWillie, Ted Gathe, Sandra Martin-Boehm(v), Rudy Salakory (v), and Phil Struck.

Members Absent: Kate Perkins

Staff Present: Devan Rostorfer, Jordan Boege, and Alice Millward

Public Present: none (v) indicates appeared via video conference

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

No requests for access, comments and/or questions were received by staff.

Approval Meeting Minutes: *Commissioner Gathe moved, and Commissioner Struck seconded that the February 7, 2024, minutes be approved as amended. Motion unanimously approved.*

III. PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION / RECOMMENDATION / ACTION

Commissioner Resignations and New Officer Elections

Recently, three members of the Commission have resigned for various reasons. Staff were able to quickly nominate two replacements from the recent pool of candidates. Currently, due to timing of the resignations, one vacancy has not been filled yet. Since two of the individuals who resigned were the Chair and Vice Chair, elections are needed.

Chair Election: *Commissioner Struck nominated Commissioner Ted Gathe for Chair and Commissioner Ceravolo seconded it. Motion unanimously approved.*

Vice Chair Election: *Commissioner Struck nominated Commissioner Glen DeWillie and Commissioner Ceravolo seconded it. Motion unanimously approved.*

Clean Water Division Overview – Devan Rostorfer, Clean Water Division Manager

- Devan's comprehensive [Division Report](#) gives an overview of the major activities of the Clean Water Division. Moving forward Eric Lambert's education and outreach efforts will not be a separate presentation/report but will be incorporated into Devan's.



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- **Stormwater Rate Study:** Devan reviewed where the division currently is in the process and walked through the public survey with the Commission to get more in-depth feedback from them. Commissioners are encouraged to fill out online and forward this to everyone in their sphere of influence so that Clean Water can gather as much data as possible on what are the priorities for the general public. There are opportunities for individuals who need a translated version, or a copy mailed to them.
 - Taking Council's feedback from the previous work session into account, there will be three levels of service: required, recommended and optional instead of a more FTE centric focus. Feedback from the public survey, staff, the CWC and the draft NPDES Permit will help guide what services will be placed into each of those levels.
 - The Clean Water Commission is in favor of writing a letter of support endorsing the highest level of service. *Commissioner DeWillie moved, and Commissioner Cortes seconded that a subcommittee draft a letter of support to the Council in favor of all three levels of service. Motion unanimously approved.* Devan thanked Commissioners Gathe, DeWillie, Struck and Salakory for their willingness to write a new letter of support to the County Council which will be included in the April 24 Work Session packet. She noted there may be need for additional letters through this process and this subcommittee may be tapped for additional feedback.
 - *Background:* Clean Water is an enterprise fund and does not receive monies from the general fund. Clark County has the lowest clean water fee in the state by a significant margin. (Most of the other local rates are about triple Clark County's annual rate of \$47.) Due to potential funding shortfalls and fund balance depletion, the Clean Water Division (CWD) needs to have this rate study completed this year.
- **Vancouver Lake Management Plan Implementation:** The Friends of Vancouver Lake secured a \$333k funding proviso for the County to implement last year's Vancouver Lake Management Plan. Devan updated on the current RFP process.
- The new NPDES permit goes into effect August 1, 2024, so Devan is working with staff to prepare for the substantial changes anticipated which will include updating our Stormwater Code and Manual. We currently do not have capacity to do this, so we are currently in the RFP process. Rod Swanson, Clark County's Permit Manager, will give a presentation to the CWC later this year after the final Permit has been published.

CW Staff Liaison Report – Alice Millward, CW Program Assistant.

- Alice quickly updated the CWC on the newly created [2024 CWC Calendar of Events](#). There will be a Heritage Farms Project Open House on April 22. She is currently working on drafting an environmental justice plan for the Pollution Prevention Assistance Program. She encouraged all commissioners to please review the December 2023 [CWC Bylaws](#) so that they are familiar with their roles and responsibilities. Commissioners should also make sure that their OPMA certifications are completed and returned to her very soon.



Unfinished Business:

- The Vancouver Lake Symposium date will be either October 17 or 24, 2024. The Commission prefers the 17th so Alice will work with the Vancouver Water Resource Center to book it.
- Due to time constraints, the rest of the reports were tabled.

New Business:

- **Cougar Creek Letter of Support** for Clean Water's application a Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board (LCFRB) grant. This is for a 60% engineering design on Cougar Creek for salmonid riparian restoration. *Commissioner Salakory moved to accept the [drafted letter of support](#) and Commissioner DeWillie seconded it. Motion unanimously approved.*
- **2023 Clean Water Commission Annual Report:** Prior to resigning Commissioners Trost and Jones completed drafting the 2023 Annual Report and incorporated the 2024 Work Plan Goals which were approved at the February meeting. Devan and the Commissioners applauded their great work in capturing the challenges and successes of the previous year. *Commissioner DeWillie moved to accept the [2023 CWC Annual Report](#) and Commissioner Ceravolo seconded it. Motion unanimously approved.*

Roundtable Discussion:

- None.

VI. ADJOURN – 9:03 PM

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

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