

Columbia River Gorge Commission

Special Meeting Minutes

August 2, 2006

A complete record of this meeting is available on audiotape

Location: Columbia River Gorge Commission Office
57 Wauna Street/ 1 Town and Country Square
White Salmon, WA 98672
Time: 11:00 a.m.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Harold Abbe*
Kenn Adcock*
Jeffrey Condit*
Doug Crow*
Judy Davis
Jane Jacobsen*
Dan Harkenrider
Jim Middaugh*
Joe Palena*
Joyce Reinig
Honna Sheffield*

* participated via phone

MEMBERS ABSENT

Walt Loehrke

STAFF PRESENT

Kathy Obayashi-Bartsch, Administrative Assistant
Al Wright, Interim Executive Director

AUDIENCE PRESENT

Sue Ryan, *Hood River News*

Call to Order

Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. and role was called. She said the Commission held an Executive Session at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the proposed employment agreement terms for the Executive Director and no decisions or actions were taken.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Opportunity for Tribal Nations to address Commission

There was no representative from Tribal Nations present.

Selection of Executive Director

Commissioner Condit said as the Chair of the Executive Committee, he has been negotiating the employment agreement terms with the Commission's top candidate, Jill Arens. The draft agreement includes a start date of September 1, 2006 and an annual salary of \$75,000, which is within the Commission's budget.

Commissioner Reinig made a motion to offer Jill Arens the position of Executive Director and Commissioner Crow seconded the motion.

Commissioner Condit offered an amendment to the motion to include authorizing Chair Davis to sign the proposed employment agreement. Commissioners Reinig and Crow accepted the amendment.

Commissioner Harkenrider said the agreement should really be considered a final version not a draft version. Commissioner Crow concurred.

A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Harold Abbe-aye

Kenn Adcock-aye

Jeffrey Condit-aye

Doug Crow-aye

Judy Davis-aye

Jane Jacobsen-aye

Jim Middaugh-aye

Joe Palena-aye

Joyce Reinig-aye

Honna Sheffield-aye

Commissioner Crow asked Chair Davis to discuss a schedule with Ms. Arens to tour the office and meet staff.

Commissioner Jacobsen asked if Ms. Arens had visited the office and Al Wright, Interim Executive Director said she had not visited the office.

Chair Davis said she would contact Ms. Arens to notify her of the Commission's offer of employment.

Adjourn

Chair Davis adjourned the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 09/12/06 at the Columbia River Best Western Inn at Bridge of the Gods, Cascade Locks Oregon.

Minutes taken by Kathy Obayashi-Bartsch

Minutes approved on 9-12-06