

Columbia River Gorge Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2015

Best Western, Hood River Inn
1108 E. Marina Drive, Hood River, Oregon

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Bowen Blair
Don Bonker
Gorham Blaine
Lynn Burditt
Keith Chamberlain
Lorrie DeKay
Dan Ericksen
Antone Minthorn
Jim Middaugh
Rodger Nichols
Janet Wainwright
Damon Webster

MEMBERS ABSENT

Carl McNew

STAFF PRESENT

Nancy Andring, Administrative Assistant
Terry Cullen, Principal Planner
Michele Dailey, GeoInformatics
Jeff Litwak, Legal Counsel
Merissa Moeller, Legal Ex-tern

AUDIENCE PRESENT

Barney, Casey – Yakama Nation
Davenport, Jessica – Skamania County Planning Department
Johnson, Oren
Keister, Larry
Lang, Michael – Friends of the Columbia Gorge
Leon, Peter
LeVee, Ilene
Marshall, Dena
Nielsen, Paul
Nudelman, Debra
Odell, Turner – Oregon Consensus
Page, Chris – Ruckelshaus Center
Pearce, Paul
Thompson, Nicole
Wesner, Ashton
Wolniakowski, Krystyna

Others were present during the day.

AGENDA

Call to Order and Roll (9:04 AM)

Chair Keith Chamberlain called the meeting to order and Nancy Andring called roll. All present except Commissioners Blaine, Middaugh and McNew. There is a quorum. Commissioner Middaugh arrived 9:21 AM. Commissioner Blaine arrived 10:30 AM.

Welcome from local officials (9:05 AM) No city or county members present.

Approval of Minutes for February 10 & 13 & 24 Commission meetings (9:06 AM)

Recommended revisions to the minutes - Page 2 of the 2/24/15 minutes. Motion passed 9-0, 8-1 and 9-0. Ex-officio can't vote. Revise accordingly.

Motion to approve the minutes for February 10, 13 and 24 Commission meeting with changes noted above.

- 1-Commissioner Nichols made the motion.
- 2-Commissioner Blair seconded the motion.

All minutes passed together in 1 vote, 9-0 with 3 voting members absent, Commissioners Middaugh, Nichols and McNew.

Opportunity for Treaty Tribe Nations to address Commission (9:09 AM)

As part of the Government to Government consultation process the Commission welcomes input from treaty tribe members on any issue on the agenda and any other matters.

Opportunity for Public Comment (9:08 AM)

The following individuals provided public comment to the Commission on items not listed on the agenda:

- Larry Keister, resident of Gorge NSA.

Urban Area Boundaries Legal Descriptions - Collaborative Process Recap (9:10 AM)

Project team members from Oregon Consensus provided their perspectives and insight on the process used to identify policy options and build consensus among interested parties, and recommendations for the Commission to use consensus building approaches in the future. **(see attachment A)**

Legislative and Budget Update (10:08 AM)

Staff presented an update on Oregon and Washington legislative activities that relate to the Gorge Commission, including Oregon HB 2039, Washington HB 1453 and HB 1954, and the Commission's budget.

Break (10:24 AM)

Gorge Commission Executive Director - Transition Discussion (10:43 AM)

The Commission's chair and vice chair presented a recommended candidate or candidates to serve as the Commission's interim executive director.

Motion to choose Krystyna Wolniakowski as interim executive director and begin contract negotiations.

- 1-Commissioner Middaugh
- 2-Commissioner Wainwright

Motion passed 10-1 with Commissioner Ericksen voting no and Commissioner McNew absent.

NSA Manager's Report (11:01 AM) Commissioner Burditt provided updates.

Director's Report (11:43 AM)

Terry Cullen gave an update on development reviews.

Lunch (11:54 AM)

Continued Discussion of Commission's 2015-2016 Goals/Priorities (1:01 PM)

The Commission continued its discussion of agency and commission priorities for staffing and resources in 2015-2016. The Commission will focus on its existing work plan and the Administrative Assessment reports. (see attachment B & C)

Other Business (1:26 PM) None

Executive Session (1:27 PM) Not open to the public.

Executive Session Ended (2:11 PM)

Other Business Continued (2:11 PM)

Motion to authorize Chair and Vice Chair to negotiate a contract with Krystyna Wolniakowski

1-Commissioner Middaugh made the motion.

2-Commissioner Blaine seconded the motion.

Motion passed 10-0 with Commissioners Bonker and McNew absent.

Adjourn (2:13 PM)

Approved 4.15.15