

Columbia River Gorge Commission

Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2021

via Zoom Webinar

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Bowen Blair
Sondra Clark
Lorrie DeKay
Casey Gatz
Robin Grimwade ~ 9:00 a.m.
Tamara Kaufman
Robert Liberty
Jerry Meninick ~ 8:48 a.m.
Carina Miller ~ 8:33 a.m.
Michael Mills
Rodger Nichols
Janet Wainwright

COMMISSIONER MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT

Connie Acker, Administrative Analyst
Aiden Forsi, Land Use Planner
Bryce Guske, Klickitat County Land Use Planner
Joanna Kaiserman, Senior Land Use Planner
Jeff Litwak, Counsel
Lisa Naas Cook, VSI Planner
Jessica Olson, Senior Natural Resources Planner
Mike Schrankel, GIS Planner
Krystyna U. Wolniakowski, Executive Director

AUDIENCE PRESENT

Don Bonker – Former WA State Congressman
Lynn Burditt – US Forest Service
Colleen Coleman – City of Mosier
Peter Cornelison – Friends of the Columbia Gorge
Kaylee Crosby – Wild Wood Tours
Sheila Dooley
Robert Duff
Deborah Ferrer
Regan Fisher
Kevin Gorman – Friends of the Columbia Gorge
Amber Johnson – City of The Dalles
Andrea Klaas – Port of The Dalles
Scott Kuhta – State of WA Commerce Dept.
Michael Lang – Friends of the Columbia Gorge
Ilene Le Vee
Terra Lingley - ODOT

Jim Middaugh
Ruth Olin
Lewis Pitt
Pah-tu Pitt
Mary Repar
B Rogers
Michelina Roth
Gayle Rothrock
Kathleen Schwartz – Wasco County
Anna Shank-Root – Port of The Dalles
Laura Smith
Tyler Stone – Wasco County
Jennifer Toepke – Port of The Dalles
Justin Withem – Oregon Legislature

Others were present during the meeting.

Call to Order and Roll (8:30 a.m.) Chair Liberty called the meeting to order and Connie Acker called roll.

Approval of Minutes for February 9, 2021 (8:31 a.m.) Commissioner Blair moved to adopt the February 9, 2021 Minutes and Commissioner Wainwright seconded the motion. The February 9, 2021, Minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

Welcome to new Oregon Governor Appointed Gorge Commissioner, Jim Morgan (8:31 a.m.) Newly Oregon Governor Appointed Commissioner Jim Morgan introduced himself: Moved to Oregon in 1976, born in Georgia. Academic background in ecology with a graduate degree in limnology (study of freshwater). Worked in Alaska and Hawaii before settling in Oregon. Worked for Metro in Portland and started Natural Areas program there. Also worked for Oregon State Parks. Joined Peace Corps after retiring and worked on natural area protection in working landscape in southern Mexico. Currently lives on farm in Corbett.

Liberty: Invited questions from Commissioners.

Nichols: Asked if he could conduct a radio interview with Morgan and Morgan agreed.

Liberty: Asked Morgan to share more about his background with his natural areas work with Metro.

Morgan: Started with Metro in 1989 and described the goal of establishing “green infrastructure” in the metro area. This effort required significant public engagement and support. Gorge Commission work is similar because of the need to address natural resource protection and people who live in the NSA.

Treaty Tribe Word of the Day (8:40 a.m.) Commissioner Miller shared latít latít as the word of the day, which is the Warm Springs Sahaptin word for wildflower. Latít is a flower and latít latít is a wildflower. Many first foods have wildflower blossoms, so this is a special word for Spring. Commissioner Miller shared that when she was young, she traveled the Gorge with her Grandmother and Great-Grandmother and they taught her to identify first foods in her native language.

Opportunity for Treaty Tribe Nations to Address Commission (8:41 a.m.) 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. The Treaty Tribe Nations did not offer testimony.

Opportunity for Public Comment: (8:41 a.m.) The following provided public comment to the Commission on items not listed on the Agenda:

- **Michael Lang**, Friends of the Columbia Gorge - Welcomed incoming Commissioner Morgan. Provided comment on forest practice (logging project) on upper reach of Major Creek in Special Management Area, Open Space land use designation. Friends opposes this project and has appealed this decision.
- **Regan Fisher**, resident of Portland - Opposed to logging project near Major Creek. This project puts western gray squirrel habitat at risk and contributes to other ecological impacts in a sensitive area. Supports a reversal of this decision. Ms. Fisher also provided written comment prior to the meeting. (Attachment A)
- **Peter Cornelison** - Provided an update that City of White Salmon and City of Mosier passed climate crisis resolutions last Wednesday, March 3rd. City of Hood River also passed a resolution in the past. Thanked Wolniakowski for testimony at White Salmon City Council meeting last week.
- **Michelina Roth**, resident of White Salmon - Thanked Wolniakowski for testimony at White Salmon City Council meeting. Also thanked Commissioner Wainwright for her work on climate change while serving on the Commission. Mentioned Friends of White Salmon River eight-minute film on the sale of 100,000 acres of SDS land that will be shown March 14, 2021.
- **Ruth Olin**, provided written comment prior to the meeting. (Attachment B)

Executive Director's Report: (8:54 a.m.) Krystyna U. Wolniakowski and staff provided updates on the "Gorge 2020" Management Plan concurrence letter, the 2021-2023 biennium budget hearing, and the following Commission's Priority Initiatives:

- Klickitat Compliance Study
- Vital Sign Indicators Assessment
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Workplan
- Gorge Commission-County MOUs
- **Klickitat Compliance Study** - Aiden Forsi, Land Use Planner, provided an overview of the Klickitat County Compliance Study Progress staff report (Attachment C) and shared two PowerPoint slides (Attachment D): Selected tax lots are based on two samples, which are all tax lots within the NSA in Klickitat County and all tax lots in Klickitat County that have received Director's Decisions from the Commission. Working towards 95% confidence interval, a total of 151 tax lots have been selected out of 1,016 tax lots in Klickitat County. Majority of lots are privately owned with significant number in state ownership and the remainder scattered in other kinds of ownership. This pattern reflects land use designation overall for study area. 92 of the lots have at least one Director's Decision. Though the lots are split into two samples, all 151 lots will be reviewed at the same time, following the same procedure.

Clark: Asked about "unknown" ownership mentioned in the report.

Forsi: Data is received from Klickitat County and Klickitat County has lots that do not list ownership information. Will be researching this further.

Blair: Asked for clarification on the number of lots sampled. Asked why federal lot was included. Asked whether study includes 62,000 or 66,000 acres?

Forsi: 16 lots were in both samples. Federal lot entered federal ownership after a Director's Decision had been issued. Will determine whether to retain this federal lot in the study. Confirmed that acreage is 66,000.

Liberty: Asked for the next stage of the study.

Forsi: Explained that staff will be looking at tax assessor data and identifying where there is no development vs. where more in-depth analysis is needed. Field visits may be in the next few months, based on what is most efficient.

- **Vital Sign Indicators Program** - Lisa Naas Cook, VSI Planner, provided the following update: Staff are currently working on summarizing vulnerability assessment data to inform both the Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP) and climate change and natural resource indicators through VSI. As part of this integrated approach, staff hosted a joint CCAP/VSI work session with staff from various partner agencies, organizations, and Tribes to discuss objectives for these initiatives and opportunities to engage on two focused work groups—a Climate Change Action Plan Review Committee and a VSI Climate Change and Natural Resource Indicators Work Group. Staff are planning an indicators work group session for late March/early April to start refining natural resource indicators and develop climate change indicators based on key management questions and the overall selection criteria approved by the Commission in February. Building on the 2009 VSI effort, the focus now is to define the exact measures that will be used to report on specific indicator topics. Goal is to ensure that indicators are measurable and connected to the Management Plan, prioritizing existing data sources wherever possible.
- **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Workplan** - Joanna Kaiserman, Sr. Land Use Planner, provided the following update: Extern Tina Patterson has compiled responses from staff interviews on DEI and is working on integrating this report with responses from Commission interviews. Ms. Patterson will facilitate a Commission work session in April focused on developing greater collective understanding of DEI and connection to the Commission's mission. Prior to April meeting, staff will be sharing suggested readings for discussion.

Mills: Thanked Ms. Kaiserman and staff for working quickly to move DEI effort forward.

- **Concurrence, County MOUs, and Budget** - Executive Director Wolniakowski provided the following update:
 - **Concurrence** - Commission received concurrence letter from the Secretary of Agriculture on February 19, 2021. Staff will be working with county planning departments on updating ordinances to incorporate revised Management Plan.
 - **MOUs** - Working on next draft of MOU to share with county planning directors. First meeting is scheduled on March 11, 2021 with Hood River County. Will be setting up meetings with all counties in the near future.

Blair: Asked if staff will be using the Klickitat County ordinance as a model to share with other counties.

Wolniakowski: Shared that staff will be working with all counties based on their needs.

Litwak: Added that other counties have incorporated Management Plan provisions into their existing codes, so using the Klickitat County ordinance format may not be helpful as an example for other counties.

- **2021-23 Budget** - Wolniakowski and Chair Liberty appeared virtually before the Oregon Ways and Means Committee on March 8, 2021, and presented the Commission's budget, which includes the need for an updated information database. Full Ways and Means Committee will meet in May or June to review the budget again.

Work Session*: (9:21 a.m.) Jessica Olson, Sr. Natural Resources Planner, provided an introduction and presentation to the Commission’s climate change action planning effort. She described how staff is referencing regional models and assessments to characterize climate change vulnerabilities for the scenic, natural, cultural, and recreation resources of the NSA. She also updated the Commission on the Review Committee and how climate change work is being integrated with VSI. Staff sought Commission discussion and guidance on the overall approach, and desired outcomes and products. (Attachments E and F)

Presentation key points:

- Three foundational documents informing climate change action planning: (1) Wozniak report described key climate change impacts in NSA (2019); (2) the U.S. Forest Service Vulnerability Assessment for the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, Mount Hood National Forest, and Willamette National Forest (2021); and (3) Potential strategies and actions document first shared with Commission in February 2020.
- Approach to climate change planning is grounded in protection of SNCRs and the key planning topics identified in the climate change chapter of the Management Plan.
- Climate Change Action Plan Review Committee will include diverse entities (organizations, agencies, and Tribes involved in climate planning) and meet to discuss different adaptation and mitigation topics and provide feedback on plan development (March-December 2021).
- Summarized the “vulnerability snapshot” approach with a Cold Water Refuge Fish Species example. Using snapshot approach to inform later prioritization of actions.
- Prioritizing actions is based on Commission’s role and authority; vulnerability and ability for Commission to increase adaptive capacity (or reduce greenhouse gas emissions); and opportunity to leverage partnerships for funding.
- Shared three action examples:
 - (1) Streams and riparian areas (e.g., retain/enhance riparian vegetation; develop guidance documents for planners and landowners; and collaborate with partners who are doing restoration)
 - (2) Treaty Tribe priorities (e.g., incorporate Traditional Ecological Knowledge and update the Building in the Scenic Area Handbook with culturally important plants that can be seeded)
 - (3) Transportation planning (work with states of OR and WA on electric vehicle infrastructure)
- Components of the CCAP: vulnerability snapshots; refined strategies and actions; prioritized initial actions; steps and accountability for implementation; and information needs.

Discussion questions for Commission:

- What input do you have about the approach or the resulting Plan to make them most useful to the Commission?

Liberty: Invited clarifying questions from Commissioners. None were offered.

Public Comment on Climate Change Action Planning:

- **Michael Lang**, Friends of the Columbia Gorge - Thanked Commissioners and staff for working on climate change action plan. Supports focus on protection of seven cold water refuge streams in the revised Management Plan and requested increased focus on other streams that need protection. Asked Commission to consider how resource enhancement policies and guidelines can advance protection of streams and other resources in the NSA.

Requested that any logging material removed from forest practices be used for habitat enhancement and remove the commercial component.

- **Mary Repar** - Partnerships will be key in CCAP and VSI efforts. Consider Battelle NEON monitoring station on Gifford Pinchot National Forest. Consider carbon storage for old growth and prairies in the NSA.
- **Peter Cornelison** - Asked if tourism is going to be considered in analysis. Working with Hood River Valley High School students who are interested in establishing a Business Sustainability Pledge. Group is using example from Galena, Illinois, that Commission might review/consider.

Commission Discussion on Climate Change Action Planning:

Morgan: Supports use of existing studies and working with partners. Likes idea of prioritizing restoration enhancement activities (e.g., cold water refuge habitat).

Wainwright: Asked who is on CCAP Review Committee and what criteria are used for selecting.

Olson: CCAP focused on who has completed similar climate adaptation and mitigation planning in the region - includes staff from OR and WA Governor's offices, four Treaty Tribes, Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership, Friends of Columbia Gorge Land Trust, and others.

Blair: Suggested that any findings in CCAP should be tied to future changes to the Management Plan. Consider impacts of wildfire to Urban Area economies and water supplies. Shared vision of Commission working with Urban Areas and counties to develop a regional framework for climate resilience.

Kaufman: Appreciate that staff are using existing studies and partners. Priorities should be fire risk and water. Providing mitigation through transportation actions is also vital to region, especially where there can be positive outcomes for recreation and the environment.

Nichols: Concerned about challenge of managing tourism and environmental impacts.

Mills: Appreciate the CCAP process described in staff report.

DeKay: Agree with process in report.

Liberty: Support the concept that the CCAP is linked to VSI (e.g., Cold Water Refuge). Interested in setting specific performance goals for mitigation and adaptation in the plan, recognizing that authority may be limited. Connection between tourism and economic and ecological impacts is important in climate planning. Need to consider relationship between residential development outside of urban areas and greenhouse gas emissions and wildfire risk. Interest in looking at carbon storage in forests and grasslands.

BREAK – 10:18 a.m. – 10:33 a.m.

Work Session*: (10:33 a.m.) Jeff Litwak, Legal Counsel, presented suggested updates and revisions to the Gorge Commission Bylaws for discussion. [Attachments G and H] Bylaws establish day-to-day practice but not all practices are in Bylaws. Some are in other authorities. Litwak focused on major changes to Bylaws as follows:

Article II, Section 3 - This section makes clear that the Act does not authorize proxy voting for commissioners, but reflects the practice of the Secretary of Agriculture's representative, who has appointing alternates to attend Commission meetings.

- **New Section** - Article II, Section 3. Proxy attendance is not allowed. Only appointed Commissioners may transact the business of the Commission, except that the representative of the Secretary of Agriculture may designate a representative to attend meetings of the Commission in their absence.

Article III, Section 4.c - Recommended changing succession of authority in absence of Chair and Vice-chair. This change would make the automatic third person the most recent past Chair of the Commission. Occasionally Wolniakowski and/or Litwak need a decision that cannot wait for return of Chair and Vice-chair. Also added last sentence.

- **Amendment** - Article III, Section 4.c - During the temporary absence of the Chair ~~or~~ and Vice-chair, the most recent past Chair of the Rules Committee shall perform the duties of the Chair. In the absence of the most recent past Chair of the Rules Committee, the Commission may select a temporary Chair to preside at meetings and carry out the other duties of the Chair. In the absence of a temporary Chair, the Commission's Counsel or Executive Director may request except that any Commissioner is authorized to act on motions and orders for quasi-judicial actions or other matters that require immediate attention. No Commissioner is authorized to assert for themself the role of temporary Chair.

Article III, Section 5.d - New sentence ensures that Commission's Executive Director may appoint a member of the Commission staff to fulfill necessary duties during leave. This has been the practice over the years.

- **Amendment** - Article III, Section 5.d - The Executive Director may appoint a member of the Commission's staff to fulfill necessary duties of the Executive Director when the Executive Director takes authorized leave. In the absence of an If the Executive Director position is vacant, the Chair, with the advice of the Commission, may appoint a member of the Commission's staff to act as Executive Director for a specified length of time or may assume some of the responsibilities of the Executive Director.

Article IV, Section 2 - Removed reference to excused or unexcused absences. Added note that Executive Director may report absences to appointing authority. Want to make sure that each county and governors' appointees are regularly attending and able to give their perspectives on Commission decisions.

- **Amendment** - Article IV, Section 2 - Each ~~member~~ Commissioner is expected to actively participate in and attend the meetings of the Commission. If unable to attend a ~~regular~~ meeting, a ~~member~~ Commissioner shall contact the Chair or Executive Director to notify of ~~his/her~~ their inability to attend. Notice of inability to attend shall be given at no less than 24 hours in advance of the meeting unless circumstances dictate otherwise. ~~The Chair shall record attendance and approve excused absences of members at each meeting. The Chair or the Executive Director at the direction of the Chair may report a Commissioner's repeated absences to that Commissioner's appointing authority.~~

Article IV, Section 5 - Thought Code of Conduct was getting lost in Commissioner notebooks. Believe referencing it in the Bylaws would be helpful to Commissioners.

- **New Section** - Article IV, Section 5 - Commissioners are expected to act in accordance with the Commission's Code of Conduct, which is attached to these bylaws for reference.

Article VI - New section added based upon the direction that Commission gave to staff at last meeting. Litwak mentioned that Liberty provided him with a proposed Section 2 that would be discussed after the presentation.

- **New Section** - Article VI - Participation in External Committees and Meetings

Section 1. Commissioners may serve on or attend committees and meetings of other government and non-governmental entities relevant to the Commission's work as specified in sections 2 through 4 below. Commissioners are encouraged to discuss their interest in service and attendance with the Executive Director and Chair of the Commission.

Section 2. When a government or non-governmental entity requests a Commissioner serve as a member of a committee and expects the Commissioner to speak for the Commission, the Chair of the Commission will appoint a Commissioner to serve subject to ratification by the Commission at the next Commission meeting. The Commissioner may begin to serve before the Commission ratifies the appointment. The Commissioner serving on the committee is expected to report back to the Commission on the business of the committee and seek Commission input as needed. The Commissioner serving on the committee is eligible to receive their per diem as allowed by other law.

Section 3. When a government or non-governmental entity requests a Commission regularly attend meetings to provide updates about the Gorge Commission, the Chair of the Commission will appoint a Commissioner to be the regular attendee subject to ratification by the Commission at the next Commission meeting. The Commissioner may begin to attend before the Commission ratifies the appointment. The Commissioner regularly attending the meetings is expected to report back to the Commission and seek Commission input as needed. The Commissioner regularly attending the meetings is eligible to receive their per diem as allowed by other law.

Section 4. When a Commissioner attends a meeting without an expectation to speak for the Commission or provide updates about the Commission, the Commission does not need to authorize the Commissioner to attend. The Commissioner attending the meeting may speak but shall make clear any comments are personal and not on behalf of the Gorge Commission. The Commissioner attending the meeting is not eligible to receive per diem for attending the meeting.

Article IX, Section 2 - Added this section to codify Commission responsibility to preserve and respect open public records. Transparency is important part of any government work. Added so that Commissioners understand how Commission complies with transparency laws and open public records.

- **Amendment and Added Section** – Article IX Open Meetings, Records and Disclosure

Section 1. All meetings of the Commission and committees and records shall be open to the public, subject to the necessity for occasional executive sessions of meetings, in accordance with regulations of the Commission. Meetings ~~will~~ shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws and the open meeting regulations adopted by the Commission.

Section 2. Open Public Records

a. The records of the Commission shall be open to the public as required by applicable law.

b. The Commission provides Commissioners an official email address. Commissioners shall use their official email and not any personal email for communicating with other Commissioners, staff, external entities and all persons relating to the business of the Commission.

c. Commissioners shall preserve all records as required by applicable law. Commissioners shall consult with Commission staff prior to deleting records. Preserving records includes phone records, voice mails, text messages, email, paper, and metadata of electronic records as required by applicable law. Upon completion of service on the Commission, Commissioners shall transmit all their Commission records that are not preserved in the Commission's office.

d. Commissioners shall comply with requests for disclosure of public records. If requested, Commission members shall search their personal files and electronic devices for responsive records.

Various Commissioners asked questions of Litwak. Litwak encouraged Commissioners to contact him directly with questions regarding preserving public records.

Blair: Asked and discussed with Litwak whether certain revisions were typographical errors or intentional.

Public Comment on Bylaws revision: None

Liberty: Provided proposed amendment to draft Article VI, Section 2 as follows:

Section 2. When a government or non-governmental entity requests a Commissioner serve as a member of a committee and represent the Commission, the Commission will decide whether or not to provide such representation, based on the level and kind of contribution to the Commission's priorities that representation will make. If the Commission agrees that it will be represented on the committee, it will appoint a representative for a specified term. The Commissioner serving on the committee will report back to the Commission on the work of the Committee at regular intervals and seek either formal or informal Commission direction as appropriate. The Commissioner serving on the committee is eligible to receive their per diem as allowed by other law.

Commissioner Mills moved to adopt the Bylaws with requested edits and substitution of Liberty's proposed Article VI, Section 2. Commissioner Grimwade seconded the motion. The Bylaws, with proposed edits, were approved by unanimous voice vote.

Litwak: Will incorporate the discussed changes and send Commissioners a clean copy via email.

Action Item: Commissioner Engagement (10:56 a.m.) Wolniakowski shared current committee assignments as well as a list of potential assignments. DeKay, Wainwright, and Liberty described their current committee assignments. Kaufman, Liberty, and Wolniakowski discussed open potential assignments.

Miller: Expressed interest in participating as an advisory, non-voting member of the Historic Columbia River Highway Advisory Committee.

Mills: Expressed support for Commissioner Miller's participation on that Committee and offered to support Commissioner Miller if necessary. Mills expressed interest in participating as a member of the One Gorge group; though there is no limit to attendance so other Commissioners may attend if interested

Nichols: Expressed interest in participating with the OR Investment Board.

Clark: Expressed interest in participating in the Gorge Regional Transit Working Group.

Kaufman: Expressed interest in MCEDD's Bi-State Advisory Committee and Regional Economic Development Strategy, and the WA Investment Board.

Commissioners voted and approved appointments to committees as outlined below by unanimous thumbs up:

Committee	Present Designated Commissioner	Interested Commissioner	Designated Commissioner
Hood River Bridge Committee	Lorrie DeKay		Lorrie DeKay
One Gorge	Lorrie DeKay*	Michael Mills	Michael Mills
Columbia Gorge Tourism Alliance	Lorrie DeKay*		Lorrie DeKay
Bi-State Advisory Committee (MCEDD)		Tamara Kaufman	Tamara Kaufman
WA Investment Board		Tamara Kaufman	Tamara Kaufman
OR Investment Board		Rodger Nichols	Rodger Nichols
Historic Columbia River Highway		Carina Miller	Carina Miller
OR Legislator Outreach	Robert Liberty		Robert Liberty
WA Legislator Outreach	Janet Wainwright		
Gorge Regional Transit Working Group		Sondra Clark	Sondra Clark
Regional Economic Development Strategy (MCEDD)		Tamara Kaufman	Tamara Kaufman
(*Willing to delegate to other Commissioner)			

U.S. Forest Service NSA Manager’s Report: (11:21 a.m.) Casey Gatz provided an update with a presentation ([Attachment I](#)) on Forest Service activities in the National Scenic Area including:

- Concurrence of Management Plan: Ninety days expired February 21st and on February 19, 2021, Regional Forester sent Concurrence Letter to Wolniakowski.
- Submitted application for public review and comment period on Draft Environmental Assessment for Cascade Locks Multiuse Trail. The nearly 15-mile shared use system trail on national forest system lands surrounds the city and urban area of Cascade Locks. Have been working in partnership with the Port of Cascade Locks. Port provided funding to have the International Mountain Bike Association create a trail feasibility study to identify proposed route, paid for contractors to perform needed natural and cultural resource surveys, and perform speed reviews on Wyeth Rd.
- Presented slides showing plantings of hardwood cuttings at Klickitat Mile 1 recreation site approximately one mile from Lyle.
- Vacant USFS National Scenic Area Manager position was recently posted to USA Jobs and closes March 9 or 10. Hopes that position will be filled soon.

Other Business (11:28 a.m.) Other business was moved up on the agenda.

- **DeKay:** Provided update on the Hood River Bridge Committee.
- **Kaufman:** Provided update on One Gorge meeting. Also mentioned virtual Gorge-ous Night event at 5:00 p.m. on March 10th.
- **Miller:** Described water infrastructure system budget needs of Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.
- **Liberty:** In light of Wainwright’s departure, mentioned vacancy on the Executive Committee. Proposed that Casey Gatz serve in this capacity until the new USFS National Scenic Area Manager position is filled.

Thank You to Commissioner Janet Wainwright (12:10 p.m.) Chair Liberty and Commissioner Nichols led a Thank You salute to Commissioner Janet Wainwright. Various Commissioners, staff, public partners, and members of the public thanked Commissioner Wainwright for her many years

of service to the Gorge Commission and National Scenic Area. The Executive Director personally presented a plaque from the Commission to Commissioner Wainwright earlier in the month in recognition of her commitment and invaluable contribution to the NSA. (Attachment J - photos)

Adjourn – (12:31 p.m.)

Meeting Attachments:

- Written Public Comment - Regan Fisher (Attachment A)
- Written Public Comment – Ruth Olin (Attachment B)
- Staff Report – Update on Klickitat Compliance Study Progress (Attachment C)
- Klickitat County Compliance Study Progress- Presentation (Attachment D)
- Staff Report – Climate Change Action Planning (Attachment E)
- Climate Change Action Planning Presentation (Attachment F)
- Staff Report – 2021 Bylaws Revision (Attachment G)
- Draft Revised Bylaws (Attachment H)
- PowerPoint Presentation - U.S. Forest Service NSA Manager’s Report (Attachment I)
- Janet Wainwright – Thank You photos (Attachment J)
- Public Commission Meeting Protocol (Attachment K)

Approved – April 13, 2021