

Columbia River Gorge Commission

Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2018

Best Western Hood River Inn
1108 East Marina Way, Hood River, Oregon

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Bridget Bailey (10:55)
Bowen Blair
Dan Ericksen (9:20)
Don Bonker
Lynn Burditt
Keith Chamberlain
Sondra Clark
Lorrie DeKay
Antone Minthorn
Rodger Nichols
Janet Wainwright
Damon Webster

MEMBERS ABSENT

Robert Liberty

STAFF PRESENT

Nancy Andring, Administrative Analyst
Jessica Gist, Natural Resources and Land Use Planner
Jason Hildreth, GIS Analyst/Land Use Planner
Joanna Kaiserman, Land Use Planner
Jeff Litwak, Counsel
Krystyna Wolniakowski, Executive Director

AUDIENCE PRESENT

Barton, Dianne – Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC)
Bell, Dan
Blackburn, Paul – City of Hood River
Brown, Keith – Friends of the Columbia Gorge
Carr, Geoff – Friends of the Columbia Gorge
Cornelison, Peter – Friends of the Columbia Gorge
Duff, Rob - Natural Resources Policy Director, Office of Governor Jay Inslee
Gephart, Laura – CRITFC
Harvey, Marla
Heath, Delvis – Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs
Higgins, Cathy – New Buildings Institute
Keister, Larry and Sherri
Lang, Michael – Friends of the Columbia Gorge
Leon, Peter
Mills, Michael - Oregon Solution and Oregon's Kitchen Table
Mote, Phil – Oregon State University
Moyer, Paul
O'Connor, Nicolette

Pitt, Louie – Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs
Repar, Mary – City of Stevenson
Rittenhouse, Ryan – Friends of the Columbia Gorge
Sears, Tricia – OR DLC
Sheeran, Kristen - Carbon Policy Advisor, Office of Governor Kate Brown
Smith, Jonathan - Commissioner, Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs
Snover, Amy – University of Washington
Steinke, Alona
Steinke, Don
Stone, Tyler – Wasco County
Strid, Eric
Williams, David
Zurcher, Peter

Others were present during the day.

AGENDA

Call to Order and Roll (9:09 AM)

Chair DeKay called the meeting to order and Nancy Andring called roll.

Welcome from local officials (9:10 AM)

Paul Blackburn, Mayor, Hood River

Approval of Minutes for December 12, 2017 Commission meetings (9:14 AM)

Commissioner Nichols moved to adopt the December 12, 2017 meeting minutes. Commissioner Blair seconded the motion. Commissioner Burditt made a correction to her Managers Report. The motion to approve as amended passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Opportunity for Treaty Tribe Nations to address Commission (9:15 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.

Louie Pitt, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, addressed the Commission on tribal treaty rights, the oil terminal proposal in Washington, in lieu fishing sites, and tribal housing. He mentioned an upcoming symposium to focus on sovereignty October 23-25, 2018. He suggested a meeting with the four treaty tribes to discuss the Management Plan. Executive Director Wolniakowski stated that a meeting of that kind is in the works for this Fall.

Antone Minthorn, Confederated Bands and Tribes of the Umatilla, spoke about tribal sovereignty and opportunities for mutually beneficial efforts.

Opportunity for Public Comment (9:27 AM)

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

Mary Repar addressed the Commission on the subjects of climate change, Vital Signs Indicators, and cumulative impacts.

Keith Brown addressed the Commission about Gorge2020.

Michael Mills shared a crowd funding effort to raise funds to support trail restoration after the Eagle Creek Fire. (see attachment A)

INFORMATION ITEM: Planning for the 2019-2021 Budget Request (9:41 AM)

Director Wolniakowski discussed development of the 2019-2021 budget for submission to Oregon and Washington with the Commission. (see attachment B) Commissioner Wainwright requested a status report on our state performance measures. There was some discussion about the high numbers of development reviews all counties are seeing. Commissioner Chamberlain asked if there was a way to communicate our work to support economic development within existing Urban Areas, pursuant to the Act, as part of our budget request strategy.

Opportunity for Public Comment (10:01 AM)

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

Ryan Rittenhouse, Friends of the Columbia River Gorge, spoke about coal and oil train terminal proposals and climate change. He mentioned HB 4004 to improve emergency preparedness.

BREAK (10:04)

INFORMATION ITEM: Climate Science and Policy Panel (10:14 AM)

Five panelists presented information to the Commission about science of climate change and state level policy priorities. The panelists were:

- **Phil Mote**, Associate Dean, Strategic Initiatives, Oregon State University College of Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences, discussed climate science and climate change in the Gorge
- **Kristen Sheeran**, Carbon Policy Advisor, Office of Governor Kate Brown, discussed Oregon state policy priorities
- **Rob Duff**, Natural Resources Policy Advisor, Office of Governor Jay Inslee, discussed Washington state policy priorities
- **Amy Snover**, Assistant Dean, Applied Research and Director, Climate Impacts Group, NW Climate Center, University of Washington discussed how public agencies can incorporate climate science into management strategies
- **Jonathan W. Smith**, Commissioner, Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs, discussed climate change and resilience

Lunch (12:28PM)

Public Comments (1:10 PM)

- Geoff Carr, Friends of the Columbia Gorge addressed the Commission about “Gorge2020” and climate change.
- Michael Lang, Friends of the Columbia River Gorge, supported updating the Management Plan to address climate change and sited some stream and wetland enhancement projects as examples of addressing impacts.
- John Nelson, Wasco County Forest Collaborative, described local forest health and wildfire impacts of climate change.
- Arlene Burns, Mayor of Mosier, spoke about influences from outside the NSA that impact this area, both development pressures and also groups pursuing solutions.
- Eric Strid made comments about local energy use, expenditures, and transportation, noting potential benefits of supporting electric transportation infrastructure and use.
- Alona Steinke recommended the Commission require that all large developments consider climate change impacts and that forest health and air quality be considerations.

- Don Steinke thanked the Commission for its resolution against coal and oil transport through the gorge and provided several recommendations.

ACTION ITEM: Commission Rulemaking to Adopt Amendments to Commission's Land Use Ordinance for Klickitat County, 350-81 (1:40 PM)

The Commission held a public rulemaking hearing to consider amendments to its land use ordinance for Klickitat County adopting the revisions to the Management Plan related to cumulative effect analysis for proposed land uses. [\[see attachment C\]](#)

Michael Lang, Friends of the Columbia Gorge, commented with support for the revisions.

Commissioner Wainwright moved to approve the revisions as consistent with the Management Plan and direct staff to forward the amendments to the Secretary of Agriculture for concurrence. Commissioner Clark seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Gorge Commission Executive Director's Report (1:42 PM) Director Wolniakowski reported on:

- "Gorge2020" Update—Public Meetings Scheduled in February and next steps
- Land Conservation and Development Commission meeting highlights
- Meetings with treaty tribes
- Economic Vitality Work Group
- Gorgeous Night Out events in Olympia Feb 21, 2018 and Salem March 7, 2018

National Scenic Area Manager's Report (1:58 PM) Commissioner Burditt reported on:

- Volunteer events at Sandy River Delta and Spanish language translation
- Eagle Creek Fire response coordination and projects
- Trails Assessments & Repair
- Funding strategies

Discussion on Committee Structure (2:40 PM)

Chair DeKay described the roles of each of the existing committees. There was some discussion and agreement that committees would support specific tasks, as requested from staff.

Commissioner Chamberlain moved that the Commission approve the Chair's selections to the Committees. Commissioner Nichols seconded. The Commission voted unanimously to approve on a voice vote.

Other Business (3:00 PM)

- Commissioner Wainwright reported on the Northwest Climate Summit.

Adjourn (3:02 PM)

Approved 3.13.18