

**Columbia River Gorge Commission**  
Meeting Minutes  
June 12, 2018

Fort Dalles Readiness Center  
402 E. Scenic Drive, The Dalles, Oregon

***MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE***

Bridget Bailey (9:10)  
Bowen Blair  
Don Bonker  
Lynn Burditt  
Keith Chamberlain (9:30)  
Sondra Clark  
Lorrie DeKay  
Robert Liberty  
Antone Minthorn (9:10)  
Rodger Nichols  
Janet Wainwright  
Damon Webster

***MEMBERS ABSENT***

Dan Ericksen

***STAFF PRESENT***

Jessica Gist, Natural Resources and Land Use Planner  
Bryce Guske, Land Use Planner - Klickitat County  
Joanna Kaiserman, Land Use Planner  
Jeff Litwak, Counsel  
Mike Schrankel, GIS Coordinator  
Krystyna Wolniakowski, Executive Director

***AUDIENCE PRESENT***

Bailey, Ken  
Barney, Casey – Yakama Nation Cultural Resources  
Baxter, Shelley  
Beck, Mike – Skamania County  
Berlly, Bella  
Berlly, Mike  
Brewer, Angie – Wasco County Planning  
Buehler, Hannah  
Burns, Arlene – City of Mosier  
Carr, Geoff – Friends of the Columbia Gorge  
Cerbone, Michael – Multnomah County Planning  
Cornelison, Peter – Friends of the Columbia Gorge  
Culver, Patricia  
Dincenzo, Lyn  
Dooley, Sheila  
Freeman, Paul

Friberg, Pat  
Fujikawa, Miki – USFS  
Fuller, Gina  
Gragg, Randy  
Griffith, David – Port of The Dalles  
Grigsby, Sara  
Heger, Andy  
Helfen, Morai – US Forest Service  
Hess, Jurgen  
Irish, Sherri  
Keister, Larry  
Kick, Adam – Skamania County Planning  
Klaas, Andrea – Port of The Dalles  
Klebba, Ray  
Klebes, Matthew – City of The Dalles  
Lang, Michael – Friends of the Columbia Gorge  
Larsen, Pamela  
Leon, Peter  
Lumpkin, Thomas  
May, Rich  
McCoy, Steve – Friends of the Columbia Gorge  
Michalek, David  
Nelson, John  
Perron, Bradford & Sarah  
Peters, Alan – Skamania County Planning  
Rittenhouse, Ryan – Friends of the Columbia Gorge  
Robinson, Barbara  
Runyon, Rod – Wasco County Commission  
Sauter, Dave – Klickitat County Commission  
Schwartz, Kathy  
Simmler, Todd  
Spatz, Dan  
Stone, Tyler – Wasco County  
Ware, Bayoan  
Weast, Greg – Port of The Dalles  
Willsen, Kate  
Zimmerman, Bill

Others were present during the day.

**Call to Order and Roll (9:05 AM)**

Chair DeKay called the meeting to order and Jeff Litwak called roll.

**Welcome (9:06 AM)** Commissioner Rod Runyon from Wasco County Commission welcomed the Commission.

**Approval of Minutes for May 8, 2018 Commission meetings (9:10 AM)**

Commissioner Nichols moved to adopt the May 8, 2018 meeting minutes. Commissioner Blair seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

**Opportunity for Treaty Tribe Nations to address Commission (9:12 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. Casey Barney commented on the Gorge Management Plan's cultural provisions for would like to require a monitor for inadvertent discovery.

**Opportunity for Public Comment (9:14 AM)**

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

- Arlene Burns, Mayor of the City of Mosier - Concern about Weyerhaeuser clearcut. Community members of Mosier have reached out to the company. Requests that CRGC staff participate in a potential upcoming meeting with Weyerhaeuser.
- Brad Perron, Hood River County resident - Sent email to the Commission about his comments on emerging land uses.
- Tyler Stone, Wasco County - Comment on Commission's role to build consensus, to remain unbiased and balanced on issues.
- Thomas Lumpkin, Lyle, WA - Recognition of CRGC staff's efforts to approve his project. CRGC needs agricultural expert on staff. Urged Commission to put a timeline on DRs, 180-day maximum. Maintain current rosters of professional consultants for landowners to work with. Work to build understanding and cooperation between conflicting interests. Requests longer implementation period than two years to plant vineyard. Concern over recording decision in the deed.

**WORKSHOP ITEM: Foundational Questions for Urban Area Policy Focus Topic of**

**"Gorge2020" Part 2 (9:32 AM)** The Commission continued its public workshop started at the May 2018 meeting on foundational questions that will help provide a framework for revising urban area boundary revision policy. (see attachments A1 and A2) The Commission continued to use the PRES model for its discussion and invited the public to offer its comments using the same model, as time allowed.

**ACTION ITEM: 2019–21 Biennium Budget (11:35 AM)**

Krystyna U. Wolniakowski gave an update on the budget process for the Commission's 2019–21 biennium budget, including projections and proposed policy option packages. (see attachments B1 and B2) The Commission was asked to adopt the proposed budget and give feedback on new proposed positions. The Commission supports the request for an IT upgrade package, one limited-duration position to assist with management plan review, and another FTE position that would work on VSI, monitoring and enforcement. The Commission did not give any formal approval, deferred the decision to the Executive Committee after the position descriptions are revised.

**Lunch (12:26 PM)**

**INFORMATION ITEM: Economic Vitality in the Gorge (1:05 PM)**

Amanda Hoey, Executive Director for Mid-Columbia Economic Development District (MCEDD), presented an update on economic vitality with a focus on activities in the Wasco County portion of the NSA. She was joined by economic development partners from Wasco County during her presentation.

**ACTION ITEM: Consistency of Revisions to County Land Use Ordinances (2:01 PM)**

The Commission held a public hearing to consider amendments to Clark, Hood River, Wasco, Multnomah and Skamania counties' land use ordinance adopting the revisions to the Management

Plan related to cumulative effect analysis for proposed land uses. (see attachment C) The Commission held a single hearing concerning all ordinances, but will issue separate final written orders.

Commissioner Liberty moved to approve the GMA provisions of the county ordinances, and a tentative finding of consistency for the SMA provisions. Commissioner Nichols seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

**INFORMATION ITEM: “Gorge2020” Update (2:22 PM)**

Jessica Gist reported on the work to date of the Natural Resources Technical Team and Krystyna U. Wolniakowski reported on the work to date of the Economic Vitality Work Group. (see attachment D)

**Executive Director’s Report (2:53 PM) (see attachment E)** Director Wolniakowski reported on:

- Four Treaty Tribes and Gorge Commission Annual Summit October 31, 2018
- Legal Descriptions for the Exterior NSA boundary and SMA boundaries
- Consultation meetings with Skamania and Klickitat County Commissions
- Introduced new CRGC halftime staff member, Mike Schrankel

**National Scenic Area Manager’s Report (3:00 PM)** Commissioner Burditt reported on:

- State Route 14 study with ODOT
- Sign replacement study
- Dog Mountain trailhead relocation feasibility study
- Robin Dobson retired at end of May, have narrowed down replacement to 3 candidates
- Gorge Express now operating 7 days per week
- Continued work on congestion mitigation study in the waterfall corridor

**Other Business (3:12 PM)**

none

**Adjourn (3:14 PM)**

Approved 7.10.18