

Columbia River Gorge Commission

Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2015

Port of Cascade Locks

Marine Park Pavilion, 355 WaNaPa Street, Cascade Locks, Oregon

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Bowen Blair
Don Bonker
Lynn Burditt
Keith Chamberlain
Lorrie DeKay
Dan Ericksen
Robert Liberty
Carl McNew
Antone Minthorn
Rodger Nichols
Damon Webster

MEMBERS ABSENT

Janet Wainwright
Gorham Blaine

STAFF PRESENT

Terry Cullen, Principal Planner
Michele Dailey, GeoInformatics
Jeff Litwak, Counsel
Krystyna Wolniakowski, Interim Executive Director

AUDIENCE PRESENT

Barney, Casey, Yakama Nation Cultural Resources Program
Brown, Keith - Friends of the Columbia Gorge
Cornelison, Peter - Friends of the Columbia Gorge
Dryden, Marge – US Forest Service
Foley, Maria – Mt. Adams Chamber of Commerce
Groves, Jesse – Port of Cascade Locks
Jossy, Maegan - Friends of the Columbia Gorge
Keister, Larry
Kloos, Jeanette – Friends of the Historic Columbia River Highway
Koch, Paul – Port of Cascade Locks
Lang, Michael – Friends of the Columbia Gorge
Leon, Peter – Wishram Community Council
Osgrid, Ryan – Washington Trails Association
Pitt Jr., Louie – Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Powell, David – Yakama Nation Natural Resources
Robbins, Theresa – Cape Horn Conservancy
Shoal, Robin-USFS
Till, Rick – Friends of the Columbia Gorge
Watness, Philip - Skamania County Pioneer

Others were present during the day.

AGENDA

Call to Order and Roll (9:05 AM)

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

Welcome from local officials (9:05 AM)

Jesse Groves and Paul Koch, Port of Cascade Locks.

Approval of Minutes for June 9, 2015 Commission meetings (9:07 AM)

Commissioner Bowen moved to adopt the June 9, 2015 meeting minutes. Commissioner McNew seconded the motion. The motion passed 10-0 with Commissioner Liberty abstaining and Commissioners Blaine and Wainwright absent.

Opportunity for Public Comment (9:07 AM)

The following provided public comment to the Commission on items not listed on the agenda:
No public comment requests.

Cultural Resources Presentation (9:08AM)

Marge Dryden briefed the Commission regarding the process used to create the cultural resource protection strategy in the Gorge. She tied together the purposes of the Act with the Management Plan and the resulting probability map approved by the Gorge Commission in 2004. Marge provided context for the use of probability models within the field of archaeology.

Questions and comments from Commissioners Webster, Nichols, Blair, Liberty, and Minthorn.

Break (10:23 AM)

Opportunity for Treaty Tribe Nations to address Commission (10:49 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, Jr., Tribal Liaison, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs addressed the Commission.

Casey Barney, Yakama Nation Cultural Resources Program addressed the Commission.

David Powell, Yakama Nation Cultural Resources Program addressed the Commission.

Questions and comments from Commissioners Blair and Liberty.

Columbia River Gorge Bi-State Legislative Policy Summit (11:18 AM)

Terry Cullen presented an update on the legislative policy summit. [\(see attachment A\)](#)

Questions and comments from Commissioners Burditt, Nichols, Blair, Bonker and Liberty.

Gorge Commission Executive Director's Report (12:00 PM) Interim Director Wolniakowski reported on:

- 2015-2017 Budget Update
- Integrated Work plan Update
- Government to Government Tribal Summit preparation

- Day in the Gorge (8/17/2015)
- Multnomah County LUD Update

Questions and comments from Chairman Chamberlain, Commissioners McNew, Ericksen, Liberty, and Bonker.

Lunch (12:33PM)

Opportunity for Public Comment (1:35 PM)

The following provided public comment to the Commission on items not listed on the agenda. Chairman Chamberlain allowed for this second opportunity for public comment. The following presented comment:

- Peter Leon
- Peter Cornelison
- Michael Lang

Comment from Commissioner Bonker.

National Scenic Area Manager’s Report (1:48 PM) Commissioner Burditt reported on:

- Upcoming table top exercise/tanker spill/FEMA
- Fires
- Recreation impacts and management
- Waterfall corridor traffic/over use issues
- Multnomah Falls visitors area 100th Anniversary celebration 9/9/15
- Personnel changes

Questions and comments from Chairman Chamberlain and Commissioners Nichols, and Blair.

Executive Director hiring update (2:20 PM)

Chairman Chamberlain provided this report.

Questions and comments from Commissioner Nichols, Blair, Liberty and Burditt.

Other Business (2:29 PM)

- Chairman Chamberlain brought up the issue of a contract extension for Krystyna Wolniakowski, Interim Executive Director. Commissioner Liberty moved to approve the contract extension and seconded by Commissioner Nichols. Motion passed 9-0 with Commissioners Blaine, Wainwright and Bonker absent.
- Chairman Chamberlain brought up the issue about Executive Director being hired under contract with benefits that do or do not match State benefits (tenure base vs merit based).
- Commissioner Ericksen mentioned book with historic account of Ernie Kuck’s life in Wasco County is now in print.
- Commissioner Liberty brought up the issue about ODOT spraying herbicides along I-84.
- Commissioner Liberty brought up the issue about hearing from staff each meeting about what they are doing.

Michele Dailey, GeoInformatics Manager, CRGC presented information about the nature of GeoInformatics and various work projects, past and present.

Adjourn (2:46 PM)

Approved 8.11.15