

Columbia River Gorge Commission

Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2015

Bonneville Event Center
102 CBD Mall Drive, North Bonneville, Washington

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Gorham Blaine

STAFF PRESENT

Nancy Andring, Administrative Assistant
Terry Cullen, Principal Planner
Michele Dailey, GeoInformatics
Krystyna Wolniakowski, Interim Executive Director

AUDIENCE PRESENT

Albaugh, Pat – Skamania County EDC
Barney, Casey – Yakama Nation Cultural Resource Program
Davenport, Jessica – Skamania County Planning Department
Irish, Sherri
Keister, Larry
Kloos, Jeanette – Friends of the Columbia River Highway
Kruger, Steve – Oregon Parks and Recreation
Lang, Michael – Friends of the Columbia Gorge
Leon, Peter – Wishram Community Council
Odell, Turner – Oregon Consensus
Pitt, Jr., Louie – Warm Springs Tribe
Pratt, Lem – Washington State Parks
Robbins, Theresa – Cape Horn Conservancy
Stallman, Kristen – Oregon Department of Transportation
Stiegel, Greg - CGWA
Watness, Philip - Skamania County Pioneer
Waymire, Robert – Skamania County Economic Development & WA Investment Board
Webb, Greg – US Army Corps of Engineers

Williams, Michael – WA Department of Transportation

Others were present during the day.

AGENDA

Call to Order and Roll (9:09 AM)

Chair Chamberlain called the meeting to order and Nancy Andring called roll. All Commissioners except Commissioner Gorham Blaine were present.

Welcome from local officials (9:09 AM)

City of North Bonneville Administrator Steve Hasson welcomed the Commission.

Approval of Minutes for July 14, 2015 Commission meetings (9:10 AM)

Commissioner Ericksen noted a correction on page 3 under the third bullet under Other Business. Commissioner Webster moved to adopt the July 14, 2015 meeting minutes. Commissioner McNew seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Opportunity for Public Comment (9:12 AM)

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

Larry Keister, Cape Horn Conservancy
Theresa Robbins, Cape Horn Conservancy
Kevin Gorman, Friends of the Columbia Gorge
Michael Lang, Friends of the Columbia Gorge

Columbia River Gorge Bi-State Legislative Forum: Recreation (9:30 AM)

Terry Cullen, Steve Krueger (Oregon Parks & Recreation), Greg Webb (US Army Corps of Engineers) and Robert Burns (West Virginia University) presented the CRGNSA Inter-Agency Recreation Team's Recreation Report and Recommended Interim Strategies. Stan Hinatsu (US Forest Service) and Angie Brewer (Wasco County) were unable to attend the presentation. (see attachment A)

Commissioners Burditt, Liberty, Blair, Wainwright, Webster, Nichols, Chamberlain, Ericksen and Commission Staff member Michele Dailey had comments.

Break (10:45 AM)

Opportunity for Treaty Tribe Nations to address Commission (11:03 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 the Warm Springs addressed the Commission.
Casey Barney, Yakama Tribal Nation Cultural Resources Program addressed the Commission.

Executive Director's Report (11:16 AM) Director Wolniakowski reported on:

- Discussion and approval of the 2015-2017 Budget. Discussion by Commissioners Chamberlain, Wainwright, Blair, Liberty. No action taken. (See attachment B)
- Government to Government Summit update. Discussion by Commissioner Minthorn.
- Celebrate the Gorge Day update. Discussion by Commissioner Bonker. (See attachment C)

U.S. Forest Service Area Manager's Report (11:43 AM) Commissioner Burditt presented a status report on current projects, issues and events for the US Forest Service.

Other Business (11:56 PM)

- Commissioner Chamberlain requested that the Tribal Committee meet once a year with the four Treaty Tribes.
- Commissioner Liberty raised issue and response regarding ODOT spraying I-84 with herbicide. Commissioner Burditt suggested that staff ask how ODOT is addressing the broader issue of how invasive species are handled.

Lunch (12:00PM)

Executive Session: Executive Director Final Interviews (12:30 PM)

The Commission held an executive session to have the final interviews for the Executive Director applicants.

Adjourn (5:00 PM)

Approved 9.8.15