

**Columbia River Gorge Commission**  
Meeting Minutes  
September 8, 2015

Columbia Gorge Discovery Center  
5000 Discovery Drive, The Dalles, Oregon

***MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE***

Gorham Blaine  
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***

***STAFF PRESENT***

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

***AUDIENCE PRESENT***

Barney, Casey – Yakama Nation Cultural Resource Program  
Keister, Larry  
Irish, Sherri  
Lang, Michael – Friends of the Columbia Gorge  
LeVee, Ilene  
Pitt, Jr., Louie – Warm Springs Tribe  
Roeder, Casey – Columbia River Gorge Visitors Association  
Shoal, Robin - USFS  
Tkach, Renee – Friends of the Columbia Gorge  
Williams, Chuck

Others were present during the day.

***AGENDA***

**Call to Order and Roll (9:06 AM)**

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

**Welcome from local officials (9:07 AM)**

Carolyn Purcell, Director of the Discovery Center welcomed the Commission.

**Approval of Minutes for August 11, 2015 Commission meetings (9:12 AM)**

Commissioner Liberty moved to adopt the August 11, 2015 meeting minutes. Commissioner Ericksen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote with Commissioners Burditt and McNew absent.

**Executive Session (9:12 PM)**

The Commission held an executive relating to selection of the Executive Director pursuant to Commission Rule 350-11-006(1)(a). The Commission returned to open session and Chair Chamberlain stated that the Commission made no decisions during Executive Session.

**Post Executive Session (09:43)**

Moved by Commissioner Nichols and seconded by Commissioner Wainwright to authorize the Chairman to sign a contract to hire Krystyna Wolniakowski as the Executive Director. Motion passed 12-0.

**Opportunity for Public Comment (9:46 AM)**

The following provided public comment to the Commission on items not listed on the agenda:  
Casey Roeder, President, Columbia River Gorge Visitors Association (see attachment A)

**Opportunity for Treaty Tribe Nations to address Commission (9:51AM and 10:54 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.

(9:51 AM) Casey Barney, Yakama Nation Cultural Resources Program addressed the Commission.  
(10:54 AM) Louie Pitt, Jr, Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs addressed the Commission.  
Commissioners Nichols and Minthorn asked questions and/or made comments.

**Break (9:52 AM)**

**Discussion on FY 2016-2017 Integrated Work Plan Development Process and Priority Setting (10:14 AM)**

Krystyna Wolniakowski, Executive Director made a presentation to the Commission. (see attachment B) Questions and comments were given by Chairman Chamberlain and Commissioners Nichols, Dekay, Ericksen, Wainwright, Liberty, Webster, Blair, Burditt, Bonker, Minthorn and Executive Director Wolniakowski.

**Discussion and Approval of FY 2016 Budget (11:03 AM)**

Krystyna Wolniakowski, Executive Director made a presentation to the Commission. (see attachment C1 and C2) Questions and/or comments were made by Commissioner Ericksen, Burditt, Wainwright.

Commissioner Liberty made a motion to approve the FY 2016 Budget and Commissioner McNew seconded it. The motion passed 11-0 with Commissioner Ericksen absent.

**Gorge Commission Executive Director's Report** (11:15 AM) Krystyna Wolniakowski, Executive Director reported on:

- August 17 Washington State Legislative Tour Report.
- September 11 Bi-State Legislative Policy Summit update.
- Government to Government Summit update.
- NSA Planner update.
- Klickitat Development Reviews update.
- Interagency Recreation Team Memo—clarification of the public participation process.
- WA State Agency Audit Process.

Questions and comments were made by Commissioners Wainwright, Webster, Bonker, McNew, Dekay, Burditt, Ericksen, Liberty, Chamberlain, Blair, Nichols and Commission Attorney Jeff Litwak.

**Lunch** (12:09PM)

**National Scenic Area Manager's Report** (1:07 PM) Commissioner Burditt reported on:

- Fire situation.
- Oil by rail, draft EIS.
- Examples of recent emergency responses/search and rescue.
- Facebook.
- 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary/Multnomah Falls.
- Eagle Creek ethnographies.
- Staffing changes.

Comments and/or questions were made by Commissioners Liberty, Blair, McNew, Wainwright, Chairman Chamberlain, and USFS staff Robin Shoal.

**Other Business** (1:30 PM)

- Commissioner Blair asked about EIS review/comment letters for oil transport by rail/terminals. Chairman Chamberlain provided comment.
- Commissioner Dekay provided some additional information about the Gorge Legislative Tour; the AFS meeting. Commissioner Nichols provided comment.

**Executive Session** (1:35 PM)

The Commission held an executive session to discuss current and anticipated litigation pursuant to Commission Rule 350-11-006(1)(g). The Commission returned to open session and Chair Chamberlain stated that the Commission made no decisions during Executive Session.

**Adjourn** (2:36 PM)

Approved 10.13.15