



**Clackamas River Basin Council  
September 21, 2017 Minutes**

**Persons Attending: Quorum Not Present, 11 of 23 present**

Dave Albrecht	YES	Dave Kleinke	Kelly Warren
Todd Bartlett	YES	Bill Lenon	YES
Ron Blake	YES	Nick Loos	YES
John Borden		Earlean Marsh	YES
Bryon Boyce		Bill Monroe	YES
Ris Bradshaw		Jim Rice	
Aaron Caldwell	YES	Guy Rodrigue	Liaisons: Jack Williamson
Doug DeHart	YES	Gail Shaloum	Bruce Zoellick Gwen Collier YES
Gary Guttridge	YES	Tim Shibahara	
Lowell Hanna		Ivars Steinblums	YES Guests: Greg Geist & Ron Wierenga with WES; Amber Peoples, Jacob Zinsli
Michael Karnosh		Jackie Tommas	Staff: Zach Bergen, Suzi Cloutier, Cheryl McGinnis, Jennifer Sampson, Charlie Ylijoki

**Meeting began: R.Blake called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m., confirming the agenda.**

**AGENDA**

<b>1. Roll Call, Announcements, Public Introductions, &amp; Recommendations for Future Business</b>
<b>2. Presentation from Greg Geist and Ron Wierenga on WES Solids Handling, Surface Water Management, and Carli Creek Restoration Project.</b>
<b>3. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes</b>
<b>4. Financial Report</b>
<b>5. Staff Reports</b>
<b>6. Governance Issues –Organizational Assessment Update, FIP TAC Meeting Report form the Board, Water Quality Issues Update, Recognition for Staff.</b>
<b>7. Good of the Order</b>

**1. Roll Call, Assess Quorum, Public Introductions, & Recommendations for Future Business**

R.Blake, Chair welcomed Board members and guests. Quorum not present.

**2. Announcements, Public Comment**

R.Blake presented the staff (including A.Danielsen) with a \$500 bonus from the Council in recognition of all the hard and great work they do. The bonus will be added to their September payroll.

**3. Presentation – Greg Geist & Ron Wierenga, Clackamas County Water Environment Services Solids Handling, Surface Water Management, and Carli Creek Restoration**

- Greg Geist reported that Clackamas County WES was established in 1974 and serves 165,000

customers, has a staff of 105, and collects and treats over 6 billion gallons of wastewater.

- WES operates four wastewater treatment facilities where they produce three products: Recycled clean water, energy (as gas), and biosolids (can be used to provide soil with nutrients).
  - Among those treatment facilities, they have two large digesters (about 1 million gallon capacity each) for converting waste to energy. These are over capacity and they are proposing to build a new one with a 1.4 million gallon capacity as population sizes have doubled since the original facilities were built.
  - There are also \$12 million of improvements planned to the Kellogg water treatment facility in Milwaukie.
- They serve customers in Milwaukie, West Linn, Oregon City, Happy Valley, Boring Hoodland, Fishers Mill, and some unincorporated parts of Clackamas County.
- WES used to have three service districts, which have now combined to become WES as it currently is.
  - Originally, the three service districts involved seven advisory committees. The current restructuring has reduced that to two advisory committees. The second advisory committee is currently in the process of being formed and WES is recruiting 16 members representing different stakeholder groups.
- Greg commented that the sewage spills in the City of Gladstone are due to a poor collection system. They just don't have the pipes in the ground to absorb all the storm water during heavy rains.
- Ron Wierenga gave a presentation on WES's surface water management
  - The surface water management includes protecting streams from polluted storm water runoff, restoring fish and wildlife habitat, providing regulation and review of storm water plans.
  - Their top priorities are: to update rules and design standards, complete and maintain Carli Creek Treatment Wetland, prevent commercial and industrial pollution, enhance storm system maintenance, and complete macro-invertebrate and geomorphic stream assessments on a triennial basis.
  - Carli Creek is a highly polluted creek, contained in a pipe, but it still has fish in it. The Carli Creek Restoration Project will transform a 15 acre piece of land into a treatment wetland – providing biotreatment structures to filter the water before it flows to the Clackamas River.
- WES also offers the River Health Stewardship Program where they offer approximately \$250,000 per year in grant funds to partners such as CRBC and other groups in Clackamas County.

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### **4. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes**

*Minutes were not approved as there was no quorum present.*

### **5. Financial Statements**

*Financial statements were not approved as there was no quorum present.*

- 6. Staff Report** – C.McGinnis gave an update on water quality issues surrounding the City of Sandy and the City of Gladstone. The City of Sandy has been issued a letter by DEQ about their non-compliance and still have time to appeal before they are fined. The City of Gladstone is working on reducing their occurrences of sewage overflow even after heavy rains. C.McGinnis and Z.Bergen have been working

on finding projects for the Cove to mitigate their DEQ infractions, but currently they are opting to pay their fine to DEQ instead. However CRBC staff provided several potential projects should the developer and construction contractor change their mind. The Suter Creek Habitat Restoration Project has been completed as of 8/31/17 in partnership with landowner David Bugni. The project includes large wood structures, boulder constellations, and 50 tons of spawning gravels in a .11 stream mile reach. PGE also contributed funding and large wood for this project. A USFS Retained Receipts tour was held on August 8<sup>th</sup>; and a repeat of the tour is scheduled for September 28<sup>th</sup>, requested by the District Ranger for their forest leadership team.

S.Cloutier reported on outreach activities, including that fall projects for CRISP have been scored and accepted, and fall treatments should begin soon. The Rock Creek Shelter and picnic table assembly is complete. The Discover Rock Creek event will take place at Windswept Waters on November 4<sup>th</sup> and volunteers are welcome. The interpretive sign at Dahl Beach/Clackamas Confluence has been completed and delivered to the City, and should be installed in early October. The ODA PSP sampling grant has been accepted and does include a new flow meter. Fall PSP sampling happened to begin on the same day as the “first flush” after our first heavy rains of the season. The 2016 Shade graduation site visits have been completed and planning for the 2017 Shade Celebration is underway. The Celebration will be on October 14<sup>th</sup> from Noon-2pm at Barton Park. Everyone is welcome to the celebration, but please RSVP to S.Cloutier. The Stash the Trash program has ended for the year and will start back up again on Memorial Day weekend. Down the River Cleanup took place on September 10<sup>th</sup> with 248 volunteers. 3,800 pounds of trash/recycling was collected, which equals approximately 15 pounds of trash per person. The amount of trash collected is slightly higher than last year, but down overall from previous years. The Cascading Rivers Ride was cancelled due to the Eagle Creek fire. The summer newsletter was distributed in mid-August. CRBC’s new website is being edited by staff and will be launched shortly. Following the outreach report is a brief thank you note from A.Danielsen as she has resigned from CRBC.

Z.Bergen reported that they have completed the first two rounds of maintenance for Shade and are starting the third round. C.Ylijoki has completed monitoring for Shade sites and all sites not inter-planted in 2015 will graduate this year. The first round of maintenance for 2017 has been completed at the Clackamas Confluence Restoration Project. They are in process of scheduling the annual PGPE and DEQ tour. Fishers Bend Phase II is half completed. The primary and secondary channel have been cut and habitat logs and boulders have been installed. Additional logs and boulders will be added and planting will occur this winter. CRBC has been approved for \$240,000, from USFS Retained Receipts, for the Bonnie Lure restoration project. This means CRBC will be able to treat all 80 acres of the site.

Additional reporting on field, education and outreach activities found in the meeting packet.

## 7. Governance Issues

Organizational Assessment Update: B.Monroe announced that it will be extremely important to attend the October council meeting where there will be a presentation from Alexis Millet on the results from the Council’s self-evaluation work and where we go from here. There will be a board and staff retreat in the coming months where we can decide on and commit to changes that will be implemented in 2018. Possible dates include November 14<sup>th</sup> and December 6<sup>th</sup>. B.Monroe will also send out an email to the Council with this information.

FIP TAC Meeting Report from Board: C.McGinnis presented a report by J.Borden on the FIP TAC. They are looking at what will be needed for the next 3 biennium (such as a coordinator, collective monitoring, outreach, etc), and the MOU being developed will specify all the partners’ roles before the FIP applications are submitted. We are also analyzing what roles CRBC should take on, assuming we

receive funding for those roles. C.McGinnis also presented the board's responses to the MOU questions J.Borden has previously presented to the board. The Council should look over these responses and edit as needed.

Communications & Program Specialist Position: C.McGinnis reported that we have received several applications for the position and will start reviewing them next week.

**8. Good of the Order**

*None at this time.*

**Council meeting adjourned at 8:01pm.**