



Discovery Clean
Water Alliance

Board of Directors Meeting Fourth Quarter 2023 MINUTES

Friday, December 15, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

In-Person / Remote Meeting via GoToMeeting

District Board Meeting Room, 8000 NE 52nd Court, Vancouver, WA 98665

Present:

City of Battle Ground:	Shane Bowman
Clark County:	Excused Absence
City of Ridgefield:	Ron Onslow
Clark Regional Wastewater District:	Norm Harker

Staff: Clark Regional Wastewater District: John Peterson, David Logan, Matt Jenkins, Robin Krause, Kristen Thomas, Leanne Mattos; City of Battle Ground: Mark Herceg; Clark County: None; City of Ridgefield: None.

Attendees: Clark Regional Wastewater District: Denny Kiggins, Kim Thur, Bob Sanguinetti, Britny Carrier, Connie Pekarek; City of Vancouver: Frank Dick; Clark County: Sherry Villafane; City of Battle Ground: Troy McCoy; City of Ridgefield: Lee Wells, Judy Chipman; Foster Garvey Legal Counsel: Lee Marchisio; Interested Citizens: Dan Clark, Kelly Irving, Jen Murphy; Guest Speakers: None

Regular Business Meeting

Call to order:

Chair Bowman called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

1. Late Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Consent Agenda

Action:

Ron Onslow moved, seconded by Norm Harker, to approve the Consent Agenda, approving the September 15, 2023 meeting minutes; and ratifying claim warrants #10649-10653 in the amount of \$4,108,466.41 for September 2023, claim warrants #10654-10656 in the amount of \$3,988,472.38 for October 2023, claim warrants #10657-10660 in the amount of \$3,305,832.23 for November 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Treasurer Report – Third Quarter 2023

David Logan presented the Third Quarter 2023 Financial Report reflecting the results from operations for all funds, as well as cash and investment balances as of September 30, 2023.

Mr. Logan presented the upcoming 2023-2024 Operating & Capital Budget Amendment summary and detail, noting that there are no planned Regional Service Charges (RSC) increases for the Budget Amendment to be presented at this meeting for Board approval.

5. Resolution No. 2023-02 – 2023-2024 Operating and Capital Budget and Regional Service Charges and 2022 Capital Plan Amendment

David Logan presented the staff report and Resolution No. 2023-02 adopting the 2023-2024 Operating and Capital Budget and Regional Service Charges and 2022 Capital Plan Amendment for the Alliance. He explained that the amendment reflects no changes to RSCs billed to the District and Battle Ground for 2024. He summarized the budget changes in the amendment. Ron Onslow moved, seconded by Norm Harker, to adopt Resolution No. 2023-02 - 2023-2024 Operating and Capital Budget and Regional Service Charges and 2022 Capital Plan Amendment for Discovery Clean Water Alliance. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Operator Reports – Third Quarter 2023

Mr. Jenkins provided a presentation outlining an overview of the current biosolids program, as well as program changes for 2023-2024 and beyond, including potential land application partnerships and hauling options. There were discussions surrounding the pros and cons of partnering with other agencies, purchasing agricultural land, and purchasing a truck for self-hauling of biosolids.

5. Capital Program Report – Third Quarter 2023

Robin Krause presented updates on the capital program and capital project activities. Mr. Krause presented a Capital Program Summary status report for the District-led capital projects included in the 2023-2024 budget period. He provided updates on projects in construction, projects in design, and projects in planning.

Mr. Krause presented a chart showing the budget and schedule status of the Alliance CIP and R&R projects, listing a majority of the projects tracking within budget or on schedule, while also explaining the limited number of schedule or cost variances.

Mr. Krause concluded with an update on the development of the R&R program elements for the 2024 Capital Plan. He is planning to present the evaluation process and draft project list at a future Board of Directors meeting.

7. Regulatory Compliance Program Report

Kristen Thomas presented an update on the Industrial Pretreatment Program, the Washington Wastewater-Based Epidemiology (WAWBE) Project, the Water Quality Assessment process for the Columbia River Monitoring Program, and PFAS Legislation and Regulation.

8. Administrative Lead Report

John Peterson presented the Administrative Lead (AL) report, highlighting the following items, which were included in the agenda packet:

1) Federal Advocacy Update – Mr. Peterson provided updates regarding two federal bills relevant to Alliance responsibilities. Additionally, Mr. Peterson spoke to two potential sources of Congressionally

Directed Spending (CDS) grant funding, submitted to the Appropriations Committee by the offices of Senator Murray and Congresswoman Gluesenkamp Perez, for the Salmon Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Energy Efficiency and Modernization project.

2) State Advocacy Update – Mr. Peterson reported that the 2023 biosolids bill will likely be engaged in the next legislative session. The 2024 Coalition for Clean Water biosolids fact sheet is attached to this report for reference.

3) Regional Planning Update – Mr. Peterson discussed the upcoming planning efforts for the Alliance’s General Sewer Plan (GSP) update, and the alignment of those efforts with Clark County’s Growth Management Act (GMA) “Periodic Update”.

4) Communications Program Update – Mr. Peterson shared information about the ongoing efforts to keep the public, elected officials and offices, and Member agencies updated on the work of the Alliance. There were discussions regarding future outreach to educate the public that disposable wipes are not flushable.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Prepared and edited by Alliance Administrative Lead staff. Approved by the Discovery Clean Water Alliance Board of Directors on:

March 15, 2024

Secretary