



Discovery Clean
Water Alliance

Board of Directors Meeting Second Quarter 2024 MINUTES

Friday, June 21, 2024, 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: Lee Wells, alternate for Ron Onslow

Clark Regional Wastewater District: Norm Harker

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

Attendees: Clark Regional Wastewater District: Denny Kiggins, Neil Kimsey, Britny Carrier; City of Vancouver: Steve Worley; Clark County: None; City of Battle Ground: None; City of Ridgefield: None; Foster Garvey Legal Counsel: Lee Marchisio; Interested Citizens: Dan Clark and Leah Lothspeich.

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:

Norm Harker moved, seconded by Lee Wells, to approve the Consent Agenda, approving the March 15, 2024 meeting minutes; ratifying claim warrants #10673-10675 in the amount of \$1,643,385.24 for March 2024, claim warrants #10676-10682 in the amount of \$1,680,478.17 for April 2024, claim warrants #10683-10687 and ACH in the amount of \$3,956,086.12 for May 2024, and adopting Resolution No. 2024-01, adopting the Alliance Civil Rights and Non-Discrimination Policy. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Treasurer Report – First Quarter 2024

David Logan presented the First Quarter 2024 Financial Report reflecting the results from operations for all funds, as well as cash and investment balances as of March 31, 2024

Mr. Logan provided an update on the 2023 Annual Comprehensive Annual Report and State Auditor's Office audit, reviewed an overview of the Alliance's planned approach to ensure compliance with the recently-awarded Federal Grant, and concluded with the planned 2025/2026 operating and capital budget calendar.

5. Operator Report – First Quarter 2024

John Peterson, in Matt Jenkins' absence, presented the Operator Report covering the Salmon Creek Treatment Plant (SCTP), Ridgefield Treatment Plant (RTP), and the Alliance Transmission System operations and treatment performance through March 31, 2024. He noted that SCTP and RTP treatment performance was stable throughout the first quarter of the year, and that all NPDES permit limits were met.

Mr. Peterson provided an update outlining the ongoing maintenance accomplishments and priorities at the SCTP and RTP, as well as the operations and maintenance of the Alliance Transmission System.

6. Capital Program Report – First Quarter 2024

Robin Krause presented the First Quarter 2024 Capital Program Report, including projects in construction, projects in design, and projects in planning.

7. 2024 Draft Capital Plan Update

John Peterson and Robin Krause presented the 2024 Draft Capital Plan Update report, highlighting the following items, which were included in the agenda packet: an overview of the Capital Plan update process, the Repair & Replacement (Asset Management) program, new Regional Assets Capital Improvement program, as well as the plan for a second review by the Board at the September meeting, and anticipated adoption at the December meeting.

8. Regulatory Compliance Program Report

Kristen Thomas presented an update on the Industrial Pretreatment program, the Washington Wastewater-Based Epidemiology project, PFAS legislation and regulation, and the status of various permit updates for the SCTP.

9. Administrative Lead Report

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

1) Administrative Lead and Operator Agreement Updates – Mr. Peterson provided an update on the proposed updates to the Administrative Lead and Operator Agreements. The Board concurred with the proposed updates. Staff will provide the agreements for approval at the September Board meeting. The draft Staff Report and draft agreements with changed sections highlighted are attached to this report for reference.

2) Federal Advocacy Update – Mr. Peterson reported on the status of the WIPPES Act Bill, noting that it has passed the House and is currently in the Senate. He then discussed the CERCLA Bill, which has recently been introduced in the House. Finally, Mr. Peterson noted that the Alliance was successful in obtaining a \$3 million EPA grant, and he reviewed staff's plan to ensure compliance with EPA's guidelines for the grant. Representative Gluesenkamp-Perez's press release dated April 16, 2024,

regarding federal PFAS liability legislation, Washington State Water/Wastewater Utility Sector letter dated March 18, 2024, to Senate officials advocating for federal PFAS liability legislation, and *The Columbian* article dated April 2, 2024, regarding federal funding for Salmon Creek Treatment Plant are attached to this report for reference.

3) 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.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

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

September 20, 2024

Secretary

