



Discovery Clean
Water Alliance

Board of Directors Meeting Second Quarter 2025 MINUTES

Friday, June 20, 2025, 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: Sue Marshall

City of Ridgefield: Lee Wells

Clark Regional Wastewater District: Norm Harker

Staff: Clark Regional Wastewater District: John Peterson; City of Battle Ground: None; Clark County: None; City of Ridgefield: None.

Attendees: Clark Regional Wastewater District: Neil Kimsey, Denny Kiggins, David Logan, Matt Jenkins, Leanne Mattos, Kristen Thomas, Britny Carrier, Michaela Loveridge, Narissa Strong; City of Vancouver: Frank Dick; Clark County: Ken Lader; City of Battle Ground: Mark Herceg; Interested Citizens: Dan Clark, Leah Lothspeich, Bill Owen, Tim Keal; Foster Garvey Legal Counsel: None; 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:

Norm Harker moved, seconded by Lee Wells, to approve the Consent Agenda, approving the March 14, 2025 meeting minutes; ratifying claim warrants #10722-10724 & ACH transactions in the amount of \$1,300,419.21 for March 2025, claim warrants #10725-10727 & ACH transactions in the amount of \$1,167,501.58 for April 2025, and claim warrants #10728-10731 & ACH transactions in the amount of \$3,838,942.72 for May 2025; and approving Authorization to Change Location of September Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Board of Directors Officer Elections

John Peterson reviewed the Staff Report and Alliance election process.

Norm Harker moved, seconded by Sue Marshall, to elect Shane Bowman as the Discovery Clean Water Alliance Board of Directors Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

Shane Bowman moved, seconded by Norm Harker, to elect Lee Wells as Vice Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

Shane Bowman moved, seconded by Norm Harker, to elect Sue Marshall as Secretary. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Operator Report – First Quarter 2025

Matt Jenkins 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, 2025. 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. Jenkins provided an update outlining the ongoing maintenance accomplishments and priorities at SCTP and RTP, as well as the operations and maintenance of the Alliance Transmission System.

A discussion took place regarding the biosolids hauling program, where there will be significant program savings anticipated (\$94k) through maximizing "dry season" hauling to Lewis County in 2025.

6. Capital Program Report – First Quarter 2025

John Peterson presented a Capital Program Update, explaining the dynamic program environment during the GMA planning updates, development of the asset management program, and responding to a variety of marketplace disruptions. He provided updates on the CIP Program, Repair and Replacement Program, as well as the Building Systems and Annual R&R Programs. He explained that updated costs for these programs will be presented at the September Board of Directors Meeting for review, in the form of a budget analysis.

A discussion regarding the SCTP UV System Replacement Update project was held, where Mr. Peterson explained the challenges in the EPA BABA waiver application process. Following discussions of the risks involved in continuing to pursue the BABA waiver (Option 1), compared to the option of looking into the potential of purchasing equipment from the future new Trojan facility in Grand Rapids, MI (which would resolve the BABA waiver challenges as well as tariff risk), the project team presented their recommendation to pursue Option 2, as it presents the least risk and most predictable outcome. The Board concurred with moving forward with exploring Option 2, if required, while staff await updates on the progress of the BABA waiver request.

7. Treasurer Report – First Quarter 2025

David Logan presented the First Quarter 2025 Financial Report reflecting the results from operations for all funds, as well as cash and investment balances as of March 31, 2025.

Mr. Logan reported on the successful 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and State Auditor's Office (SAO) Audit. Mr. Logan also noted the next important dates for the 2025-2026 Operating & Capital Budget Amendment.

8. Regulatory Compliance Program Report

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

She briefly discussed the draft permit issued by Ecology for the Ridgefield Treatment Plant, which includes proposed new limits on the temperature of effluent; this would require additional monitoring and compliance efforts. The Alliance submitted comments in May, which are attached to the staff report.

Ms. Thomas also provided an update on the progress of the General Sewer Plan update and Phase 6 Engineering Report work.

9. Administrative Lead Report

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

- 1) Federal & State Advocacy Update – Mr. Peterson reported on the status of the bills being tracked this congress and also provided an update on the Federal and State funding request efforts underway.
- 2) Communications Program Update – Mr. Peterson shared information about the ongoing efforts to keep the public, state and federal elected officials and offices, and Member agencies, updated on the work of the Alliance.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

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

September 19, 2025

Secretary