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Water Resources Commission Minutes

Thursday, March 21, 2024

Virtual, Salem, Oregon

Attendees

Commissioners		OWRD Staff		Others	
Eric Quaempts	Doug Woodcock	Crystal Grinnell	Brenda Smith	Anton Chiono	
Julie Smitherman	Racquel Rancier	Kris Byrd	Steve Grasty	Stephanie Tidwell	
Kathy Kihara	Ivan Gall	Jake Johnstone	Dena Marshall	Elissa Karim	
Joe Moll	Mindy Lane	Dwight French	Genoa Ingram	Lorissa Singhose	
Meg Reeves	Grant Nasset	Kelly Mainz	Patrick R.	Roger Sheley	
Jan Lee (Weinberg)	Kim Fritz-Ogren	Tom Skiles	Kevin Payne	Greg Mintz	
Woody Wolfe	Adair Muth	Jake Zelenka	Ken Yates	Kristen Shelman	
	Bryn Hudson	Ryan Andrews	Christopher Hall	Adam (unknown last)	
	Lisa Snyder	Chris Kowitz	April Snell	KBID – Greg Souza	
	Cameron Greenwood	Jason Spriet	Konrad Fisher	Greg (unknown last)	
	Annette Liebe		Julie Cymore	Kimberley Priestley	
			Tom Tebb	Cheng-Wei	
			Herb Winters	Brent (unknown last)	
			Walt Burt	April McDonald	
			Mark Owens	Colleen Roberts	

Written material submitted at this meeting is part of the official record and is on file at the Oregon Water Resources Department, 725 Summer Street NE, Suite A, Salem, Oregon 97301-1271.

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Commission Meeting

Chair Quaempts convened the meeting.

A. Vice-Chair Appointment

The Commission appointed Vice-Chair of the Commission.

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Commissioner Kihara moved, Commissioner Wolfe seconded, to appoint Commissioner Smitherman as the Vice-Chair of the Commission. Votes in favor: Commissioner Wolfe, Vice-Chair Smitherman, Commissioners Moll, Lee, Kihara, and Reeves. Opposed: None. Votes not recorded: Chair Quaempts. Motion passed (unanimously?)

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B. Feasibility Study Grants Funding Recommendations

Kim Fritz-Ogren, Planning, Collaboration and Investments Section Manager and Adair Muth, Grant Coordinator, presented the funding recommendations for the 2023-24 funding cycle of

Feasibility Study Grants.

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Vice-Chair Smitherman moved, seconded by Commissioner Wolfe, to adopt the staff funding recommendations contained in section 6, table 2 of the report. Votes in favor: Commissioners Reeves, Lee, Kihara, Moll, Wolfe, Vice-Chair Smitherman, and Chair Quaempts. Motion passed unanimously.

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C. Budget And Legislative Update

Bryn Hudson, Legislative Coordinator, and Lisa Snyder, Administrative Services Division Administrator, presented a summary on the 2024 legislative session and an update on the 2025-2027 budget and legislative development process.

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Public Comment: Kimberley Priestley

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D. Director's Report

Doug Woodcock, Acting Director, provided an update on Department business and late-breaking issues.

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Public Comment: Judge Steve Grasty (retired)

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E. *Division 205 and 240 Well Construction Welding Requirements – Proposed Rule Adoption

Kelly Meinz, Water Policy Analyst, and Kris Byrd, Well Construction Manager, provided proposed rule changes for Division 205 and 240 rules.

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Commissioner Kihara moved, seconded by Commissioner Lee to adopt the final proposed rules as written, per item 1 of the slide. Votes in favor: Commissioners Reeves, Lee, Kihara, Moll, Wolfe, Vice-Chair Smitherman and Chair Quaempts. Motion passed unanimously.

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F. Oregon's Integrated Water Resources Strategy (IWRS) – Draft for Public Review

Crystal Grinnell, IWRS Specialist, presented key elements of the first draft 2024 IWRS released for public review and comment in early March and detailed how this draft has incorporated prior input from the Commission.

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Public comment: Kimberley Priestley

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Public Comment: Christopher Hall

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Public Comment: Konrad Fisher

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G. Update on Integrated Water Resource Planning in the Walla Walla Basin

Chris Kowitz, North Central Region Manager, provided an update on water planning efforts currently underway in the Walla Walla Basin. Tom Tebb, Director, Office of Columbia River, Washington Department of Ecology and Anton Chiono, Habitat Conservation Project Leader, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, shared their perspectives on integrated water resource planning in the Walla Walla Basin.

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H. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the November 2023 meeting were presented for Commission approval.

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Commissioner Moll moved, seconded by Commissioner Lee, to adopt the day 1, November 16, 2023, Commission meeting minutes. Votes in favor: Commissioners Moll, Lee (Weinberg), Wolfe, Vice-Chair Smitherman, and Chair Quaempts. Abstained: Commissioners Kihara and Reeves. Opposed: none. Motion passed.

Commissioner Moll moved, seconded by Wolfe, to adopt the day 2, November 17, 2023, Commission meeting minutes. Votes in favor: Commissioners Reeves, Moll, Lee, Vice-Chair Smitherman, Commissioner Wolfe, and Chair Quaempts. Abstained: Commissioner Kihara. Opposed: none. Motion passed.

I. Commissioner Comments

Commissioners reported on their recent activities, shared information, and commented on a variety of water resource topics.

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J. Public Comment and Other Issues

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April Snell

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Brenda Smith

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Rep. Mark Owens

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Lorissa Singhose

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Public Comment: County Commissioner Kristen Shelman

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Public Comment: Roger Sheley

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Meeting was adjourned.

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Submitted by Mindy Lane, Executive Support, Director's Office.