

**WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING
SALEM - VIDEOCONFERENCE
November 19, 2020**

WRC PRESENT

Meg Reeves, Chair
Bruce Corn, Vice Chair
Bob Baumgartner
Kathy Kihara
Joe Moll
Eric Quaempts

WRD STAFF PRESENT

Tom Byler
Nirvana Cook
Doug Woodcock
Dwight French
Bryn Hudson
Becky Williams
Deirdre Dooley
Lisa Snyder
Shawn Ortiz-Turner
Racquel Rancier
Justin Iverson

OTHERS PRESENT

Kimberley Priestley
Ken Yates
Clair Klock
April Snell
Tammy Dennee
Genoa Ingram
Caylin Barter

Written material submitted at this meeting is part of the official record and is on file at the Oregon Water Resources Department, 725 Summer St. NE, Salem, Oregon 97301-1271. Audio files, staff reports, and PowerPoint presentations are available on the Department's [website](#). The video is available on the Department's [YouTube](#) channel.

Chair Reeves called the meeting to order and explained the process and purpose of the meeting.

A. Commissioner Comments

<https://youtu.be/HHTz3y5N360?t=1>

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

B. Approval of Minutes

<https://youtu.be/HHTz3y5N360?t=2073>

The minutes of the August 27, 2020 meeting were presented for Commission approval. Vice Chair Corn moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Kihara. Voting in favor of the motion: Baumgartner, Quaempts, Corn, Moll, Reeves, and Kihara. Motion passed.

C. Approval of 2021 Meeting Schedule

<https://youtu.be/HHTz3y5N360?t=2152>

A tentative schedule of Commission meetings for 2021 was presented to the Commission for approval. Commissioner Kihara moved to approve the 2021 meeting schedule, seconded by Commissioner Quaempts. Voting in favor of the motion: Baumgartner, Quaempts, Corn, Moll, Reeves, and Kihara. Motion passed.

D. Director's Report

<https://youtu.be/HHTz3y5N360?t=2224>

Tom Byler, Director, provided an update on Department business and late-breaking issues.

E. Commission Appointments to the Groundwater Advisory Committee

<https://youtu.be/HHTz3y5N360?t=4530>

Justin Iverson, Groundwater Section Manager, presented recommendations for appointments to the Groundwater Advisory Committee to the Commission for approval. Vice Chair Corn moved to approve the appointments to the Groundwater Advisory Committee, seconded by Commissioner Kihara. Voting in favor of the motion: Baumgartner, Quaempts, Corn, Moll, Reeves, and Kihara. Motion passed.

F. Legislative Update

<https://youtu.be/HHTz3y5N360?t=5106>

Racquel Rancier, Policy Manager, and Bryn Hudson, Water Policy Analyst, provided updates on the Department's 2021 legislative concepts and other interim legislative activities.

G. Strategic Plan Update

<https://youtu.be/HHTz3y5N360?t=6795>

Tom Byler, Director, provided an update on the Department's Strategic Plan implementation efforts.

H. Water Project Grants and Loans Award Funding Recommendations

<https://youtu.be/HHTz3y5N360?t=10109>

Becky Williams, Grant Program Coordinator, presented the Department's funding recommendations. The Commission was asked to award funding for the 2020 Water Project Grants and Loans projects funding cycle. Commissioner Kihara moved to award funding for the 2020 Water Projects Grants and Loans project funding cycle, seconded by Commissioner Baumgartner. Voting in favor of the motion: Baumgartner, Quaempts, Corn, Moll, Reeves, and Kihara. Motion passed.

I. Public Comment and Other Issues

Clair Klock, Klock Farm

<https://youtu.be/HHTz3y5N360?t=12578>

April Snell, Oregon Water Resources Congress

<https://youtu.be/HHTz3y5N360?t=12794>

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nirvana Cook

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