



Clackamas County Water Environment Services Governing Board

Elected Officials Forum

Date: Friday, February 23, 2018
Time: Noon – 1:30 p.m.
Location: DSB Auditorium, Room 115
2051 Kaen Road, Oregon City

Attendees: Russ Axelrod, Markley Drake, Dan Holladay, Brenda Perry, Brian Shaw, Nancy Ide, Vince Ballard, Jim Bernard, Ken Humberston, Paul Savas, Don Krupp, Chris Storey, Lauren Haney, Kevin Moss, Shelly Parini, Mary Jo Cartasegna, Jason Tuck, Chris Randall, Kelly Brooks

Meeting Summary

Time	Topic
Noon	Welcome and Chair's Report Chair Bernard welcomed the elected officials to the meeting and introduced Vince Ballard as the new mayor of Johnson City and then delivered the Chair's report which was included in the packets.
12:15 pm	WES Advisory Committee Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brenda Perry• Markley Drake – gave a brief report and asked if any elected officials had items for the Advisory Committee they should contact him or Brenda Perry.
12:30 pm	Elected Officials Conversation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Budget Overview, Markley – A slide of the budget overview was included in each packet• Councilor Drake specifically asked that we plan for a discussion about SDC rates and to talk about the relationship between operating rates and SDCs. This really should be understood as a discussion about "growth-paying-for-growth" and getting to the heart of concerns about equity between fast and slow growing communities.• Several of those present suggested that the forum would be a useful venue to discuss inflow and infiltration issues. There is a concern among some members the deferred maintenance of some local collection systems is contributing to capacity

	<p>demands on the treatment facility that will ultimately result in higher rates for all of the WES partners.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayor Axelrod expressed concerns about receiving information at the meeting instead of prior to meetings for review and questions. • Many Councilors felt like they did not have a seat at the table to discuss WES 190 Partnership. • Commissioner Humberston suggested that there needs to be concrete dates for meetings and single issue agendas for discussion and decision-making. • Mayor Holladay asked to discuss how the WES rate structure addresses city right-of-way fees. Currently, there are three cities that assess WES for ROW fees and these are collected for WES specifically from ratepayers within their respective jurisdictions. Mayor Holladay would like the costs for these fees to be applied to rates that are uniformly assessed across the entire WES service area, including the cities of West Linn and Milwaukie and unincorporated areas. • WES Governance - Don reminded those attending that the WES Board of Directors has on three separate occasions expressed a willingness to engage in facilitated discussions about governance under the support and guidance of Oregon Consensus. The last such invitation was offered in July of 2017 and, to the best of his knowledge, the County never heard back from our city partners. Consequently, it was agreed by those attending we should revitalize that conversation and contact Oregon Consensus to see if they may be willing to assist. Happy Valley, Oregon City, West Linn agreed to approach Oregon Consensus to see if they could setup a meeting. Markley said he would talk with officials from the City of Milwaukie and Mayor Holladay would speak with Gladstone to help get them to agree. Don, said it would be stronger if the cities and county asked together for a meeting. He said he would follow up with the city managers as well.
<p>1:15 pm</p>	<p>Questions for Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representation - Don reiterated that the County has extended invitations to all elected city councilors/BCC from the six cities that make up the WES partnership. While any and every local elected is welcome to attend, those present agreed that the group would benefit from having a more formal representation to include the mayor (or mayor-designate) and an appointed representative from each city. Several councilors expressed the opinion that it would be beneficial to have city managers attend as well. • Frequency of Meetings -The general consensus was that it would be prudent to plan for monthly meetings. Those present recommended we schedule these for the fourth Thursday of the month, preceding the regular cities' dinner possibly starting at 5pm to be held at the DSB at Red Soils campus.