



MEMORANDUM

TO: Clackamas County Board of County Commissioners (BCC)
Acting as governing body for Water Environment Services

FROM: Greg Geist

RE: Selection of Tunnel Boring Machine Name

DATE: March 7, 2024

REQUEST: Staff would like the Board of Directors of WES to select the official name of the Tunnel Boring Machine for the WES Tri-City Outfall Project.

BACKGROUND: The current outfall from the Tri-City facility was constructed in 1984 and is nearing capacity during peak wet weather events. WES will be spending seven months building a ½ mile-long, nine-foot-diameter tunnel using a tunnel boring machine (TBM) as part of the construction of the new Outfall pipeline that will transport treated water from the Tri-City Water Resource Recovery Facility to the Willamette River.

It's tradition to name TBMs and we wanted to hear creative ideas from the community. The naming activity also deepens engagement with the community about the project and the work that WES does. The selected name will be placed on the TBM, and will be shared with the community through news stories and social media when we talk about the project.

The response to the contest to submit names for the TBM was incredible. We had over 650 submissions through the survey website. The list was reviewed and top submissions were sent in a survey to WES staff for their recommendations.

There is not a formal process for naming machinery however; we wanted to give The Board of Directors the opportunity to select the final name. Attached is the County's policy on facility naming for guidance while making this decision.

The top 5 recommendations, by order of preference, are:

1. Clackamole 2. The WES Express 3. Chewrocka 4. Chuck Borris 5. Happy Drillmore

The Board could choose one of the names above, select another name, direct staff to bring more options forward, or choose not to name the machine.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Greg Geist
Director, WES



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Clackamas County Policy

Name of Policy	Facility Naming Policy and Procedure	Policy #	FIN-1.207
Policy Owner Name	Elizabeth Comfort	Effective Date	1/6/2007
Policy Owner Position	Finance Director	Approved Date	1/6/2007
Approved By	Board of Commissioners	Next Review Date	9/19/2025

I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy shall apply to the naming of new facilities except as provided below:

- a) Previously named facilities transferred from another agency to Clackamas County. Such facilities will be reviewed on a case by case basis for applicability.
- b) Future facility sites where a name has been specified as a component of a purchase and sale agreement or other contractual agreement approved by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC).
- c) Facilities for which naming rights are conveyed to an individual or business in return for financial remuneration to the County as specified in a contractual agreement approved by the BCC.

II. AUTHORITY

ORS 203.035 authorizes the Board of County Commissioners to promulgate polices for the management and operation of Clackamas County Government.

III. GENERAL POLICY

It is the policy of Clackamas County to provide opportunities for public input related to the naming of new facilities. It shall be the responsibility of the BCC to initiate a process to name a facility and forward a decision to County staff for execution.

IV. DEFINITIONS

Define key terms. If possible, use the same definition for a term that appears in other policies. You may reference another document in a hot link, but include important defintions in the policy.

V. POLICY GUIDELINES

In pursuing their responsibility, the BCC shall avoid names that:

- a) Have the capacity to be construed as culturally insensitive or offensive.
- b) Duplicate existing geographic names or that may confuse the public.
- c) Create the potential for copyright infringement issues.

VI. PROCESS AND PROCEDURES

The BCC may initiate a process to recommend a facility name by inviting the submission of nominations from residents of the County or by creating an ad hoc committee that shall invite the submission of nominations from residents of the County. Such nomination shall include the reasons for name submission and the justification for the name.

Membership of the ad hoc committee shall include at least one (1) BCC member, the County Administrator (or designee), one (1) member of the appropriate city council (when facility is located

within a municipality), one citizen at large and one (1) member of the appropriate community planning organization or neighborhood association.

After the invitation for nominations, the BCC (or ad hoc committee if one has been established) will provide at least one opportunity for public comment on the list of nominated facility names. Notice of this comment opportunity shall be published in the same manner as BCC meetings.

The BCC or ad hoc committee will consider public comment and all nominated names.

If an ad hoc committee has been established, the committee shall forward a list of three recommended names in order of preference to the BCC within 30 days from the date public comment was taken.

The County Commissioners may:

- a) Approve the name recommended by the ad hoc committee.
- b) Approve the alternative name recommended by the ad hoc committee.
- c) Request up to two (2) additional alternatives from the ad hoc committee.
- d) Select a different name at their sole discretion.

The BCC shall select one preferred name to forward to County staff for preparation of business meeting agenda materials for official approval.

The decision of the County Commissioners shall be final and shall not be subject to appeal.

VII. ACCESS TO POLICY

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