



Water Environment Services Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

Date: March 18, 2021
Time: 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Location: Meeting by Zoom conferencing
Presentation(s): PowerPoint – WESAC Presentation_20210318
Facilitator: Diana Helm, WES Advisory Committee Chair

Attendees:

Members

Diana Helm, Rita Baker, Michael Morrow, Christopher Bowker, David Golobay, Tammy Stempel, Anthony Fields, William Gifford, Angel Falconer, Greg DiLoreto, Roseann Johnson, David Schleeef, Renee Harber,

Clackamas County/WES Staff

Greg Geist, Lauren Haney, Chris Storey, Greg Eyerly, Lynne Chicoine, Ron Wierenga, Jessica Rinner, Shelly Parini, Commissioner Martha Schrader, Ed Nieto, Erin Blue, Carla Atwood, Todd Loggan

Public

Chris Randall, Adam Crafts

Diana Helm, WES Advisory Committee Chair, convened the meeting at 6:00pm.

Welcome, introductions, and opening remarks

Greg Geist, WES Director

- Introduction of new Committee member Mary Baumgardner, West Linn City Councilor
- Commissioner Schrader was appointed as the committee Commissioner rep with Commissioner Savas as alternate
- Media attention regarding storm event – cautionary protocol WES notified the media they may not meet permit – there were not any permit violations
- Misunderstanding regarding backup power during storm event

January 28, 2020, Meeting Summary

Approved

Annual Appointment of WES Budget Committee Members – Budget Process Update Committee

Nominations and motion to approve

Presented by Chris Storey, WES Assistant Director

Discussion occurred regarding appointment of FY2021-22 budget committee members. Mr. Storey reviewed the presentation materials.

David Golobay and Roseann Johnson were nominated for the two open budget committee seats. Consensus to have the current members continue; Michael Morrow, William Gifford, and Christopher Bowker.

[[[A motion was made by William Gifford to appoint the Committee's nominations of David Golobay, Roseanne Johnson, Michael Morrow, William Gifford, and Christopher Bowker as the FY 2021-22 Budget Committee members. The motion was seconded by Anthony Fields. Unanimous support, motion carried.]]]

Proposed Financial Policy – Use of SDCs for Debt Repayment

Motion to approve

Presented by Chris Storey, WES Assistant Director

Mr. Storey reviewed the presentation materials.

Discussion occurred regarding the funds being fungible for eligible projects within the Capital Improvement Plan for our infrastructure.

Mr. Storey introduced Erin Blue as the new WES Finance Administrative Services Manager.

Discussion occurred regarding the policy potentially effecting which projects advance in the CIP. It was noted the focus would be on capacity projects. Discussion occurred regarding the solids project. Further discussion occurred regarding how the savings could potentially decrease the percentage of rate increases in the future.

[[[A motion was made by Greg DiLoreto to support staff's recommendation for a policy of using SDC fund balance and annual SDC receipts to support the payment of current and future debt service to the extent eligible that will be applicable to most outstanding debt issuances of WES, and future debt as well. The motion was seconded by William Gifford. Unanimous support, motion carried.]]]

Community and Rate Payer Research Initiative

Presented by Shelly Parini, WES Business and Community Relations

Ms. Parini reviewed the presentation materials.

Mr. Gifford asked for the cost of the research initiative. Ms. Parini noted the cost would not exceed \$40,000 for the course of 6 months.

Discussion occurred regarding including renters and competitors in the research. Ms. Parini explained the focus was rate payers and customers.

Commissioner Schrader expressed her support for the approach and initiative as a whole.

I&I Community Investment Program/Partnership

Presented by Chris Storey, WES Assistant Director

Mr. Storey reviewed the presentation materials.

Mr. Gifford commended Mr. Storey and Mr. Geist for their presentation of the I/I program to the City of Oregon City and how he appreciated how they handled the questions.

Mayor Tammy Stempel thanked WES for their work on the program and expressed her appreciation for the support of I/I projects.

Operations Storm Event After Action

Presented by Greg Eyerly, WES Operations Manager

Mr. Eyerly reviewed the presentation materials.

Discussion occurred regarding contingency planning.

Kellogg Creek Video

The Committee watched the video.

Discussion occurred regarding the future plans of the Kellogg plant.

Topics of Interest and Future Agenda Items

Presented by Diana Helm, WES Advisory Committee Chair

Discussion occurred regarding Metro's intention to move a facility near Carli Creek on Jennifer Street. A request was made to have a presentation on this at a future meeting.

A request was made to continue updates on the Clean Water Exchange project.

A request for time at each meeting to explain more about WES, and to explain in detail some of the more technical items that get brought up, ie: what are blowers and what do they do?

A request to discuss the future administrative updates at the Kellogg facility was made.

Ms. Helm adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.