



## **Cooperative Public Agencies of Washington County Minutes for December 13, 2012**

**Members Present:**      **Chair, Mel Schultz – City of Beaverton**  
**Ted Claussen – Clean Water Services**  
**Todd Klein – Tualatin Valley Water District**  
**Arnie Gray – City of Wilsonville**  
**John Harris – City of Lake Oswego**  
**Kathy Kaatz – City of Tualatin**  
**Melissa Koons – City of Tualatin**  
**Keith Lewis – Washington County**  
**Tom Tuski – City of Banks**  
**David Willer – City of Forest Grove**

Chair Mel Schultz called the meeting to order at 9:05am. The meeting took place at Clean Water Services, 2025 SW Merlo Court, Beaverton.

### **INTRODUCTIONS**

All members present introduced themselves and our guest, Sheri Wantland was introduced when she joined us.

### **HOST PRESENTATIONS**

Sheri Wantland, Public Involvement Coordinator with Clean Water Services, presented a PowerPoint presentation on Fernhill Wetlands Improvement and Water Reuse Project. Goals of this \$12 million project include enhancing Fernhill Wetlands and improving water quality using the wetlands to cool the water and remove nutrients before discharging to the Tualatin River. Natural treatment is more cost effective than building additional infrastructure and is more environmentally sensitive. The project will occur in four phases beginning with the introduction of reuse water from the Rock Creek Facility into the treatment wetlands.

Additional project goals:

- cost effective improvements
- innovation to bridge treatment plant to nature
- advance waste water treatment science
- enhance habitat and wetland function
- more education and recreation
- healing space and beauty

Fernhill Wetlands is part of 748 acres, located in Forest Grove, owned since 2006 by Clean Water Services and managed in partnership with the City of Forest Grove and Fernhill Wetlands Council. The wetlands have seen dramatic changes with the enhancements creating benefits for the bird and wildlife population and making Fernhill Wetlands a birders' destination. The public is already enjoying the public parking area, trails, picnic shelter and restrooms. Fernhill Wetlands Council plans to construct a learning center at the site in the future, which would further complement educational opportunities.

The project incorporates an integrated landscape design by internationally acclaimed landscape architect Hoichi Kurisu. Mr. Kurisu created a three acre Japanese garden area for the project which will add a beautiful water feature, walking paths and bridges, and by design will help add oxygen to the water. Every boulder and tree was carefully placed for maximum benefit.

November 26 was the first day that treated water was pumped into the pond and by next May these areas should be open to the public.

Sheri concluded her interesting presentation by answering questions and inviting the group for a tour when the area is open.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mel Schultz reported the financial report indicating the current balance \$6,419.97 ending November 30, 2012. Any member organizations that have not yet paid member dues are reminded that they need to be paid before the end of the year. Although dues are not mandatory, they are greatly appreciated. They are \$275.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Fleet**

No report.

#### **Training**

Kathy Kaatz announced that Flagger Certification Training is available at City of Tualatin Operations Department, located at 10699 SW Herman Road, on Tuesday, January 22,

2013 from 7:45am-noon, on a space available basis. Contact Kathy at 503.691.3093 or [kkaatz@ci.tualatin.or.us](mailto:kkaatz@ci.tualatin.or.us) for additional information.

Keith Lewis announced Washington County has recently hired Deb Dahlenberg, DLUT Training Coordinator. She could be a resource for our group for future training topics as well as being invited to attend our meetings. Melissa will be making contact with her.

John Harris has a short training video available for the portable trailer-mounted water treatment, which is available for loan.

### **Storm/Sanitary**

Ted Clausen reported that this committee did not hold their regular meeting, but are rescheduling.

### **UASI Update**

John Harris reported that the 2010 reprogramming for materials and equipment is done. The queue for 2011 and 2012 is being decided. VMS trailers that are on location at Lake Oswego are 9ft, which are too big for Lake Oswego to use, so if any agency's wish to switch for three 6 ft. trailers, please contact John.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Workshop Debrief**

Everyone agreed that the keynote speaker was a huge success, very engaging and presentation was relevant to all 150 in attendance. Comment was made that it would have been good to offer the afternoon sessions multiple times in order to attend all of the sessions like we were able to last year, that they were all very good and it was difficult to chose what to miss.

John Harris is brining the Distracted Driving session to Lake Oswego.

We selected November 13, 2013 as the date for next year's workshop and David Willer offered to follow-up on contacting Steve Lambert at the City of Hillsboro to reserve the facility.

It was suggested that Jeanne Nyquist from IGS attend a monthly meeting as a guest speaker to talk about future training topics for our workshop.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Recognition of Chairman**

On behalf of the membership, Keith Lewis presented Mel Schultz a plaque in recognition for his year of service as our Chairman, with our thanks.

### **Nomination of Chair**

With regret, John Harris had to remove his name for consideration for next year's Chair and asked to be considered for Vice-Chair for next year.

Ted Claussen volunteered to Chair for January and if needed for the year. Keith Lewis offered to Chair for February if needed. David Willer asked that he be given some time to check his schedule to see if he may be able to serve. Members present gratefully accepted Ted's offer to Chair the January meeting with further decisions to be made at next meeting.

### **Nomination of Vice-Chair**

Mel Schultz nominated John Harris for Vice-Chair for 2013, motion carried, and John accepted.

### **Meeting Locations for Upcoming Year**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Hosting Agency</u>	<u>Location</u>
January 10, 2013	City of Tualatin/Operations Facility	10699 SW Herman Road, Tualatin
February 14, 2013	Washington County LUT/Walnut Center, Room 3	1400 SW Walnut Street, Hillsboro
March 14, 2013	<b>OPEN</b>	
April 11, 2013	City of Lake Oswego	4101 Kruse Way, Lake Oswego
May 9, 2013	City of Beaverton	4755 SW Griffith Drive, Beaverton
June 13, 2013	City of Forest Grove	1915 Main Street, Forest Grove
July 11, 2013	<b>OPEN</b>	
August, 2013	No Meeting	
September 12, 2013	City of Banks	13680 NW Main Street, Banks
October 10, 2013	<b>OPEN</b>	
November 13, 2013	CPAWC Fall Workshop	150 E. Main Street, Hillsboro
December 12, 2013	Clean Water Services	2025 SW Merlo Court, Beaverton

Alternates: \_\_\_\_\_ **OPEN** \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ **OPEN** \_\_\_\_\_

We discussed the format of the meetings and agreed that it has been beneficial to have the host organization present a topic that engages the group. It's been helpful having the Chair contact the host ahead of time to coordinate the agenda to ensure the meeting is meaningful and a good use of time for all members.

### **CPAWC AT WORK**

#### **City of Banks**

Tom Tuski reported the City of Cornelius repaired Banks vactor truck, Banks also loaned the vactor truck to City of North Plains and borrowed the boom truck from City of Hillsboro. Washington County mowed the entrance to the water treatment plant.

### **City of Beaverton**

Mel Schultz reported that the City of Beaverton's landscape crew borrowed a chip/bucket truck from City of Tigard.

### **Clean Water Services**

Ted Claussen reported the CWS assisted Beaverton School District by sending a vac truck to help clean up a play structure that was vandalized, taking out two loads of material (chips) filled with glass. Additionally, loaned an easement machine to City of Beaverton.

### **City of Forest Grove**

Dave Willer reported that Forest Grove loaned a D3 cat to ODOT for three weeks and loaned Washington County a vac truck and 2-man crew to bore holes. Forest Grove also borrowed a reader board from Washington County.

### **Washington County**

Washington County loaned reader boards to Hillsboro, loaned a reader board and light tower to City of Cornelius and borrowed a vactor from Cornelius.

The meeting was adjourned at 11am.

### **FUTURE CPAWC MEETINGS**

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