



# BOARD of CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## MINUTES for the week of September 18 -22, 2023

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SEP 26 2023

### WORK SESSION – 9 a.m.

The work session convened at 9 a.m., Monday, September 18, 2023. Present were Commissioners Johnson and French, and Administrator Mielke. Commissioner Ozias was excused.

Items of discussion per the agenda published September 14 were:

- Calendar/Correspondence
- Olympic National Park update
- Pre-application questionnaire with Washington State Department of Agriculture to renovate the fairgrounds Dog Barn and show arena .
- Pre-application questionnaire with Washington State Department of Agriculture to perform safety upgrades to the fairgrounds rodeo arena and pins
- Agreement with Recreation and Conservation Office for Lake Pleasant Dock Renovation Project
- Victim Witness Coordinator Division presentation
- Special Lease to extend Blue Mountain Transfer Site Lease with the WA. State Dept. of Natural Resource
- Climate Action Plan review and next steps
- Resolution appointing Ronnie Meldrum to the Olympic Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council
- Presentation of new Cable Television Franchise Agreement with WaveDivision I, LLC and WaveDivision III, LLC dba Astound Broadband

Meeting concluded at 12:25 p.m.

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Vice Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 10 a.m., Tuesday, September 19, 2023. Also present were Commissioners Johnson and French and Administrator Mielke. Commissioner Ozias was excused.

### REQUEST FOR MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**ACTION TAKEN: CMFm to adopt the agenda as presented, CRJs, mc**

### PUBLIC COMMENT

- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, commented on item 1d, work session items 2 and 10

### CONSENT AGENDA

- 1a Approval of vouchers for the week of September 11
- 1b Approval of payroll for the period ending August 31
- 1c Approval of minutes for the week of September 11
- 1d Support letter with Department of Commerce for Comprehensive Plan GMA Periodic Update Grant

**ACTION TAKEN: CMFm to adopt the consent agenda as presented, CRJs, mc**

### REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- CMF commented on Recompete, upcoming meetings
- CRJ commented on Richard B. Anderson event, Vietnam Veterans Ceremony, Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Strategic Tourism Plan, Legislative priorities

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**CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS**

2a Agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for access to a basic, free version of Evidence.com

**ACTION TAKEN: CMFm to approve, CRJs, mc**

2b Agreement with Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe for Olympia oyster restoration

**ACTION TAKEN: CMFm to approve, CRJs, mc**

**ADMINISTRATION**

3a Purchase order with GovConnection, Inc. for VMWare renewal

**ACTION TAKEN: CMFm to approve, CRJs, mc**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

4a Notice to call for bids to be received no later than Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 10 a.m. regarding the Lighthouse Pump Station Replacement Project

**ACTION TAKEN: CMFm to issue notice, CRJs, mc**

4b Special Lease to extend Blue Mountain Transfer Site Lease with the WA. State Dept. of Natural Resource

**ACTION TAKEN: CMFm to approve, CRJs, mc**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Kenneth Reandeau, Port Angeles, commented on the Climate Action Plan presentation, electric vehicles
- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, commented on Forest Service Meeting
- Tim Wheeler, Sequim, commented Ice Cream Social, World River Day on Sunday, September 24, 2023, Power Plant and TCB 23 - Elwha River (see attached)
- Brain Grad, Sequim, commented on the Power Plant and TCB 23 - Elwha River
- Ellen Manshew, Joyce, commented on Power Plant and TCB 23 - Elwha River

**HEARING(S)**

H1 Proposed Ordinance titled Compost Procurement Policy

- Ron Garcelon, Public Works, provided a staff report

**ACTION TAKEN: CMFm to open the public hearing, CRJs, mc**

- CRJ noted no one provided testimony

**ACTION TAKEN: CMFm to close the public hearing and adopt, CRJs, mc**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Kenneth Reandeau, Port Angeles, commented on freshwater, water storage
- Nina Sarmiento, Port Angeles commented on Power Plant and TCB 23 - Elwha River

The meeting concluded at 10:44 a.m. and continued to 9 a.m., Monday, September 25, 2023.

There are no Zoom chat logs for the week of September 18.

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The Board of Commissioners attended United Way Watch Party, WSAC Virtual Update, Board of Health Meeting, Coffee with Colleen, Clallam Transit Meeting, Timber Counties Caucus Meeting during the week of September 18.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.



ATTEST:  
  
Loni Gores, MMC, Clerk of the Board

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Mark Ozias

Randy Johnson

Mike French

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS:

ARS Administrator Rich Sill

CMO Commissioner Mark Ozias

CRJ Commissioner Randy Johnson

CMF Commissioner Mike French

m moved

mc motion carried

s seconded

Public Comment  
Tim Wheeler  
9/19/23

SAVE THE ELWHA WATERSHED! WORLD RIVER DAY SEPT. 24

Dear Friends,

I am forwarding to you an email I received from attorney, Elizabeth Dunne, Policy Director of Earth Law:

***"Sunday, September 24 is World Rivers Day. On September 24, 1 p.m. we're meeting at Colville MTB Trails Parking Lot (aka horse trailer parking) about ¾ mile up Dan Kelly Rd. to walk 'Unit 3' of the Power Plant forest to the Elwha River. No registration is needed but be prepared to hike 2 miles round-trip."***

Elizabeth is spearheading the struggle to stop clearcut logging in the Elwha River watershed. Her own organization Earth Law and the Elwha Forest Fund and the Elwha Legacy Forests, are leading a growing movement to protect the Elwha watershed. The Clallam County Democratic Party adopted unanimously a resolution urging Public Lands Commissioner, Hilary Franz to delay or cancel the sale. The LD-24 Democratic Party followed the next day adopting the same resolution.

The Elwha is the only source of drinking water for the City of Port Angeles. We spent over \$350 million to take down two dams and restore the spawning beds for salmon that are now returning to spawn. Removing the dams was a project led by the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe. We are all celebrating this victory, a model for restoration of rivers across the nation and around the world.

Do you know how much Port Angeles Schools will receive as its share of the payout from Murphy Inc. the Oregon logging company that bought the logging rights? \$75,000. Pitiful! We put at risk the drinking water of Port Angeles and surrounding communities for a few thousand dollars more than the salary of ONE teacher in Port Angeles! Please join us on River Day, Sept. 24.

Tim Wheeler

Acting Chair, Voices for Health & Healing

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**DIRECTIONS: From Port Angeles, drive west on Hiway-101. Turn right onto Rt. 112 toward Joyce. Cross the Elwha. Turn left on Dan Kelly Road. Drive to Colville MTB Trails Parking Lot.**