



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# Management Update Minutes

**Tuesday, February 18, 2020, 9:00 a.m.**

Courthouse Square, 555 Court St. NE, Salem  
5th Floor, Suite 5232, Silverton Conference Room

## ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners Colm Willis, Sam Brentano and Kevin Cameron, Jan Fritz, Tamra Goettsch, Danielle Gonzalez, Lisa Trauernicht, Chad Ball, Jolene Kelley, and Kristy Witherell as recorder.

Jan Fritz called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

## INFORMATIONAL:

### **Update and Board Direction for the Detroit Lake Area Marinas Resiliency Project**

- Danielle Gonzalez

#### ***Summary of presentation:***

- Looking for board direction for the next phasing of the approach, financial, and staffing resources;
- There is a meeting scheduled on March 17, 2020, from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. in Portland:
  - Both marina owners will be in attendance, along with Ms. Gonzalez:
    - Jason Schneider;
    - Barb Young;
    - Commissioner Cameron;
    - A representative from each of the following:
      - Pacific Habitat Services;
      - Business Oregon;
      - Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ);
      - Oregon Department of State Lands;
      - Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife; and
      - Army Corps of Engineers.
  - Discussion around permitting application processes and what the county can do to mitigate any potential problems.
- The county asked for \$1,000,000 from Regional Solutions to move this project forward:
  - With the funding request, three were chosen to go onto the next stage:
    - Marion County was the third one, but Regional Solutions only funded two.
- Pacific Habitat Services has been consulting with the marinas, as well as DEQ;

- In October and November 2019, Joint Permit Applications (JPA's) were submitted to move forward with construction:
  - Kane's Marina was submitted first:
    - There are 9.19 acres of submerged lands that would have to be excavated;
    - The state does not believe that it will encounter only dry sediment:
      - There is likely going to be wet sand.
    - The county believed that they would be able to get a waiver for certain permits, but now that seems unlikely:
      - There is a request for a new erosion control plan:
        - Stream and Wetland Impact and Mitigation Plans;
        - A requirement for the dredging;
        - Test the sediment and do a site inventory and site history; and
        - To submit a letter of concurrence or a biological opinion from National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA).
- In January 2020, Pacific Habitat Services reached out to help with a contingency plan for any discharge that would go into the water if the sediment is wet;
- The dirt would be trucked to the City of Idanha:
  - The city is concerned with the potential significant amount of sediment that will be dumped, which is estimated at 160,000 cubic yards.
- The estimate for the removal of the sediment is \$1.9 million, which does not include the engineering and other associated costs:
- If the project was completed and the total cost was \$2 million, over the period of 20 years, there would be a return of investment of \$14.5 million in economic benefit:
  - It would save 10 jobs:
    - Jobs at both marinas; and
    - The ice company that services the two marinas.
- Potential cost to the county:
  - A consultant for the project would cost \$40,000;
  - Permitting would be \$25,000;
  - Engineering plan would be estimated at \$50,000; and
  - Erosion control plan would be \$15,000.
- Looking for board direction to use lottery dollars to pay for the potential cost to the county:
  - The board approved moving forward.
- Pacific Habitat's contract expired this month:
  - Business Oregon has kept the contract open;
  - There are no more billable hours;
  - They need more money; and
  - Ms. Gonzalez will amend their contract to add \$40,000 and extend the terms.
- Ms. Goettsch has budgeted \$100,000 for the project, but needs \$130,000 in funding.

**Board discussion:**

- The commissioners would like to take this information to Congressman Schrader's Office to find funding for the project:
  - Ms. Gonzalez will update the Marion County Economic Impact Calculator and Benefit Cost Analysis Worksheets for the commissioners to provide Congressman Schrader.
- If the sewer project moves forward, the soil from the lake would be beneficial for the project.

**LEGISLATIVE:****Update**

- Barb Young

**Summary of presentation:**

- Willamette Falls Locks bill:
  - Up for a third reading in the House.
- Senate Bill 1775 - Aid and Assist:
  - Still moving; and
  - Up for a third reading in the Senate.
- Community Corrections bill:
  - Still in Ways-and-Means.
- Court Care bill:
  - Still moving through; and
  - In Way-and-Means.
- House Bill 449 – Renewable Energy Credit:
  - Referred to House Rules.
- House Bill 4001 – Housing Bill:
  - There will be \$4 million that will go to the City of Eugene and the City of Salem:
    - \$2 million that will go to the City of Bend to fund navigation centers and operating money.
  - There is funding included for the following:
    - Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA);
    - Boys and Girls Club; and
    - Liberty House for advocacy.
- House Joint Resolution 202 passed on Monday, February 17, 2020.
- Senate Bill 1530 – Nursery bill:
  - Public hearing is being held on Wednesday, February 19, 2020, in Ways-and-Means, Natural Resources Subcommittee; and
  - It has been slowed down due to complaints of bills being rushed through.

**COMMUNICATIONS:****Update**

- Jolene Kelley
- Ms. Kelley gave a brief update of upcoming scheduled events.

OTHER:

Lisa Trauernicht:

- On Friday, February 14, 2020, Ms. Trauernicht received an email from Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments (MWVCOG) regarding a request that was received by a family in Aumsville for a new well:
  - Their well went dry in November 2019;
  - They own the land;
  - According to the program, MWVCOG can only loan up to 50 percent of the market value of the structure, which is only worth \$7,000;
  - The estimate to fix the well is \$6,350;
  - There are four people living in the home; and
  - The VDI Board can approve the loan, but the county needs to ask to have it brought to the VDI Board.
- The board would like the family to get two estimates to fix the well.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS AND UPDATE:

Sam Brentano:

- Concerned with the coronavirus outbreak:
  - Would like the county to put together a taskforce to include the following departments:
    - Human Resources;
    - Legal Counsel;
    - Sheriff's Office;
    - Health and Human Services; and
    - The Board's Office.
  - Examine policies for employees staying home while sick.

Colm Willis:

- There was confusion with PacificSource sending out ID cards to individuals with Marion County as the mental health provider, which is untrue:
  - They mistakenly sent out letters with that information.
- Hosted Tea with the Commissioners with Adult Behavioral Health.

Kevin Cameron:

- Attended the Hood River Resource Advisory Committee on Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>; and
- Attended a ride-along with a lead navigator.

Meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

COMPLETED BY: **Kristy Witherell**

Reviewed by: *Joanna Ritchie*