



BOARD of CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES for the week of March 13 – 17, 2023

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WORK SESSION – 9 a.m.

The work session convened at 9 a.m., Monday, March 13, 2023. Present were Commissioners Ozias, Johnson, and French and Administrator Sill.

Items of discussion per the agenda published March 8 were:

- Calendar/Correspondence
- Letter of support for the Slip Point Light Station
- Letter of support for North Olympic Library System Solar Plus Storage
- Pre-application questionnaire and Exhibit A Certifications and Assurances document with Washington State Commerce Department for Solar Plus Storage for Resilient Communities Competitive Grant
- Clallam County Poet Laureate update
- Settlement agreement for allocation of funds paid by certain settling opioid manufacturers/pharmacies
- GIS update contract with Earth System Research Institute
- Resolution establishing a small works and professional/engineering services roster process for Public Works contracts
- Agreement amendment 3 with Department of Ecology for Stormwater Discharge Phase I Project
- Agreement with Department of Ecology for Puget Sound Nutrient Reduction Agreement regarding the Clallam Bay and Sekiu wastewater treatment plants
- Request for proposals to be received no later than Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 10 a.m. for Bullman Beach Water System Project
- Discussion on proposed budget revisions to be considered on March 28
- Discussion of proposed supplemental appropriations to be considered on March 28
- Discussion of proposed budget emergencies to be considered on March 28

Meeting concluded at 11:51 a.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chair Ozias called the meeting to order at 10 a.m., Tuesday, March 14, 2023. Also present were Commissioner French and Administrator Sill. Commissioner Johnson is excused.

REQUEST FOR MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Sandra Balch, Port Angeles, commented on Juan de Fuca Scenic Byway Association (see attached)
- Ed Telenick, Sequim, commented on item 5b
- Rondi Smith, Port Angeles, commented on her property application to Department of Community Development

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1a Approval of vouchers for the week of March 6
- 1b Approval of payroll for the period ending February 28
- 1c Approval of minutes for the week of March 6
- 1d Letters of Support for Port of Port Angeles for additional hanger and expansion of fuel storage

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

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REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- CMF commented on Crescent Community Advisory Council Meeting, Forks Community Hospital, Olympic Regional Clean Air Agency Board Meeting, ICAP Launch Meeting, Navy Meeting, W0est End Meetings
- CMO commented on Legislative Steering Committee Meeting, Transportation Meeting with Senator Cantwell, joint meeting with Clallam County PUD, healthcare access

CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

2a Agreement with Center of Children & Youth Justice for Early Childhood Court Coordinator position
ACTION TAKEN: CMFm to approve, CMOs, mc

2b Agreement with Washington State University Extension for program services
ACTION TAKEN: CMFm to approve, CMOs, mc

2c Agreement amendment 1 with Cascadia Consulting Group, Inc. for Climate Action Plan
ACTION TAKEN: CMFm to approve, CMOs, mc

2d Agreement with Clallam Economic Development Council
ACTION TAKEN: CMFm to approve, CMOs, mc

HEARING(S)

H1 Resolution regarding sale of surplus property

- ARS, provided a summary

ACTION TAKEN: CMFm to open the public hearing, CMOs, mc

- The following provided testimony:
 - Ed Telenick, Sequim

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

ADMINISTRATION

3a Purchase order for IT Department for network switch replacement
ACTION TAKEN: CMFm to approve, CMOs, mc

3b Resolution appointing Anna K. Plager to the Park and Recreation Board
ACTION TAKEN: CMFm to adopt, CMOs, mc

3c Resolution appointing Amy Miller to the Homeless Task Force
ACTION TAKEN: CMFm to adopt, CMOs, mc

3d Resolution appointing Timothy Fellin to the Peninsula Housing Authority Board
ACTION TAKEN: CMFm to adopt, CMOs, mc

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

4a Notice to call for bids to be received no later than Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 10 a.m. for the McDonald Creek Fish Passage and Irrigation Improvement Project
ACTION TAKEN: CMFm to issue, CMOs, mc

BUDGET

5a Notice that the following budget revisions will be adopted by Resolution on March 28:
Sheriff – Jail – Contracted costs for Norpoint Services to provide courthouse security for the month of February 2023/\$19,140
Parks & Facilities – Capital Projects – Reallocation of funds for the repair project at Lake Pleasant/\$50,000

ACTION TAKEN: CMFm to issue, CMOs, mc

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- 5b Notice that the following supplemental appropriations will be adopted by Resolution on March 28:
Sheriff – Emergency Services – Expenditures and reimbursement revenue received from state contract E23-186 Emergency Management Preparedness Grant FY22/\$46,132
Sheriff – Jail – Funds made available by the Washington State Legislature to assist law enforcement agencies with training costs/\$7,191
Sheriff – Operations - Funds made available by the Washington State Legislature to assist law enforcement agencies with training costs/\$14,381
Superior Court – Funding from Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) grant to for a full-time Early Childhood Court Coordinator position/\$85,000

ACTION TAKEN: CMFm to issue, CMOs, mc

- 5c Resolution calling for a hearing to be held March 28 at 10:30 a.m. for the following debatable emergencies:

DCD Administration – Additional funding for a full-time Administrative Assistant II to Code Enforcement, ER&R vehicle lease/rent for additional employees, and training/\$44,127

Prosecuting Attorney – Coroner – Funding approved in 2022 budget for a copier dedicated to the Coroner Division/\$13,370

NonDepartmental – Funding for Greenhous Gas Inventory/\$25,717

ACTION TAKEN: CMFm to adopt, CMOs, mc

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Michael Sutton, Port Angeles, commented on is property taxes
- Ed Telenick, Sequim, commented on item 5c, hearing examiner

Meeting concluded at 10:xx a.m. and continued to 9 a.m., Monday, March 20, 2023.

There are no Zoom chat logs for the week of March 13.

The Board of Commissioners attended WSAC Virtual update, Coffee with Colleen, and Clallam Transit Meeting during the week of March 13.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of March 2023.

ATTEST: 
Loni Gores, MMC, Clerk of the Board


CLERK OF THE BOARD
CLALLAM COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
PORT ANGELES, WA

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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

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**Board of Clallam County Commissioners meeting
Public comment March 14, 2023**

Public comment
Sandra Balch
3/14/23

Public Commenter: Sandra Balch, 199 Dan Kelly Road, Port Angeles

Representing: Juan de Fuca Scenic Byway Association

Immediate Concerns: Future and Leadership of Juan de Fuca Scenic Byway Association

Ongoing Concerns: Maintenance and safety of Elwha River Interpretive Center

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CLALLAM CO. COMMISSIONERS

MAR 14 2023

I am representing the Juan de Fuca Scenic Byway Association, a non-profit/volunteer organization advocating for the history/culture, natural elements, recreation and people of the community on State Route Highway 112.

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Today I am bringing to you two concerns:

First, we are concerned about the future and leadership of the Juan de Fuca Scenic Byway Association (Association). In 1999, the Clallam County Commissioners approved the application seeking National Scenic Byway status for State Route Highway 112 (Hwy 112). That designation was received in 2000. A requirement of the program is that there be an entity actively supporting the byway. The current board of the Association is looking for new people with energy and new ideas to continue the Association's work. Three board members have been with this program for 20-25 years and are now looking at retirement. Any conversation with or suggestions from the County to help plan for the future by filling these positions on the Association board would be appreciated.

Second, we are concerned about the maintenance and safety of the Elwha River Interpretive Center. The center is located east of the Elwha Bridge on Hwy 112. The trail to the Lake Aldwell dam removal site begins at the center. The property was previously owned by Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and was transferred to Clallam County Public Works and Roads in 2010 with the stipulation that land be kept in a "road use."

The Gateway Interpretive Project: Elwha River was built and installed as the largest part of a 2011 National Scenic Byway grant. The grant project partnered our Association with Clallam County, the Elwha Tribe, Olympic National Park, Olympic Peninsula Visitor Bureau and the National Park Conservancy. The project also received donations from individuals and businesses of the Hwy 112 community. The purpose of this project was to revitalize the property and present to travelers and our own community, by use of interpretive panels, the histories of the river and dam, the dam removal and the process of restoration of the Elwha River.

The Elwha River Interpretive Center is a place of pride for all those who worked on any portion of this project with time, money, materials, and information. But it has fallen into disrepair. Despite some effort to keep up with garbage and litter it now looks "forgotten" at best or maybe even "abandoned". It does not present itself as a safe and welcoming place for the traveler's rest stop or destination. Its current status reflects poorly on our community.

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Ongoing Concerns: Maintenance and safety of Elwha River Interpretive Center

Clallam County Roads, Pat McElroy, has been very helpful in taking care of immediate garbage issues and is working on the sanican replacement. Upon request, a Clallam County Sheriff officer approached two “campers” early last week and they were gone by the end of the week. The association is organizing a work party to clean the Elwha River Interpretive Center kiosk and panels later this month, March of 2023.

The Juan de Fuca Scenic Byway Association would like to discuss with Clallam County Commissioners and/or Clallam County Roads all aspects of the Elwha River Interpretive Center property. This includes the project partner responsibilities, cleanup and repair to restore the grounds and building, litter and garbage control, replacement of the sanican and future improvements to the site. The critical components of the discussion will be on-going maintenance of the property, public safety and regular security patrols of the area. We look forward to working with Clallam County to help resolve these issues as soon as possible. Further details are included in the papers given to you this morning.

Thank you for your time today.

Juan de Fuca Scenic Byway ... PROJECTS COMPLETED ... Accomplishments

- 1996 ... NSB Grant ... Corridor Management Plan
Community Action Team (CAT) established
- 2000 ... Nat'l Scenic Byway Designation
 - NSB Grant ... Interpretive signs Sekiu overlook
 - NSB Grant ... Interpretive signs Clallam Bay park
 - NSB Grant ... Hwy 112 brochure (reprinted with OPVB grant 2003/08/15/19)
- 2003 ... NSB Grant ... Juan de Fuca Scenic Byway Assn. (JFSBA) established
 - Bylaws, articles of incorporation, objectives/mission/vision, etc.
 - WS non-profit incorporation status
 - Federal 501(c)3 status
 - Milepost newsletter for members and community
- 2004 ... NSB Grant ... multi-year work plan, marketing and business plans
- 2006 ... NSB Grant ... Scenic Byway logo
 - Signs ... route markers/gateway signage
 - Business directory in print
 - Membership drive
- 2007 ... NSB Grant ... Photo Library
 - Partner for Whale Trail brochure (reprinted OPVB grant 2010)
 - Partner for ODT: Adventure Route brochure (reprinted OPV grant 2009/13)
 - Partner for Elwha Bridge brochure
 - Web presence plan
- 2008 ... NSB Grant ... Interpretive kiosks for three Clallam County parks
 - Website developed
 - Great Strait Sale ... annual event begun
- 2010 ... Interpretive signs and web pages for Whale Trail sites
- 2011 ... NSB Elwha River Interpretive Center (Grand Opening May 1, 2016)
 - Exploring the Elwha booklet developed (reprint National Park Conservancy grant 2015 ... reprinted OPVB grant 17/21)
- 2012 ... National Scenic Byway Library program halted ... no grants available
- Ongoing improvements, additions, updates for www.highway112.org website
- 2015/16 ... Kids' activity book printed and distributed
 - Grand opening for Elwha River Interpretive Center
- 2018 decreased meetings to quarterly
- 2020 some e-meetings instead of in person (COVID)
- 2021/2022 almost all e-meetings quarterly
- 2023 ... last 150 painted tiles installed at Elwha River Interpretive center
- Ongoing Partner Bike Trail brochure
- Ongoing Partner CB/CQ visitor center
- Ongoing Partner NSB Foundation
- Ongoing Partner Peninsula Trails Coalition bike map

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Topics Concerning the Elwha River Interpretive Center to Discuss with Clallam County/County Roads:

Conditions to correct ...

- who are the partners ... what responsibilities does each partner carry
- email/complaints from visitors ... “bad” comments received about condition and safety;
- garbage and general upkeep in bad shape
- “campers” causing a safety concern
- grounds maintenance ... “Chain gang” does weed eating in gravel ... more weeding and trimming needed at perimeter of grounds
- sweep and clean roads ... some litter but mostly debris from trees;
- road lines/handicap ... lines are worn off, handicap sign is missing;
- panels plexi-glass missing on one panel ... are there extra panels available
- fence condition ... make repairs as needed
- garbage upkeep ... “Chain gang” helps with big litter ... need to rake for smaller?
- sanican ... how to prevent damage so supplier will replace again
- sheriff patrol for safety and cameras ... signage that it is on camera and/or patrolled;
- signage for visitors ... length of stay/dawn to dusk/daylight hours ... no camping, no overnight no fires, no litter
- post a larger sign at entrance on post ... “Welcome” (followed by rules)
- roof/gutter ... clean on a regular basis to remove debris and “trees” growing
- dry well, rain catchment area ... sign and metal install screen to prevent garbage/fires
- gate ... night closure?

Future improvements projects ...

- improve and maintain trails and paths
- revive and/or plant foliage natural to the area
- identification markers for natural plants
- improvement to the gravel center area to give more eye appeal ... low maintenance trees/plants
- who will be responsible for all aspects of upkeep and maintenance

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Sandra Balch (Secretary/Treasurer) cell 360.461.4537

EVOLUTION OF THE PROPERTY AT THE ELWHA RIVER/HWY 112 BRIDGE ... WDOT surplus property ... site for dam removal contractors ...



After the dam deconstruction crew left ... building the structure for the Elwha River Interpretive Center ... Grand opening May 1, 2016



Above: People at the grand opening of the Elwha River Interpretive Center ... May 2016

Below: Condition of the grounds at the site March 2023





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HIGHWAY

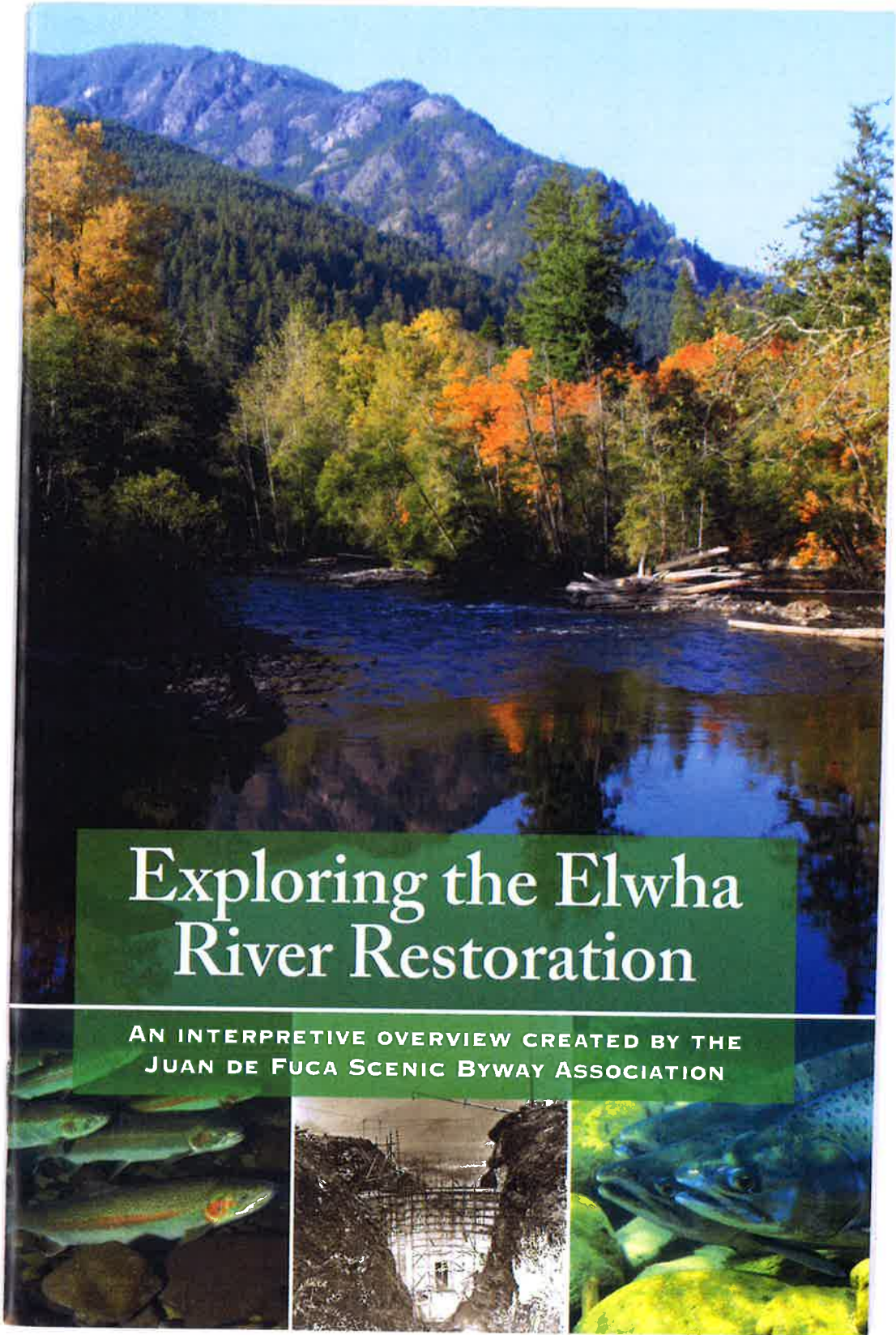
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State Route 112*

Map Inside!

A JAUNT ON THE ROUTE
LESS TRAVELED.

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Exploring the Elwha River Restoration

AN INTERPRETIVE OVERVIEW CREATED BY THE
JUAN DE FUCA SCENIC BYWAY ASSOCIATION

