

**CLACKAMAS RIVER WATER BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
July 9, 2026**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Sherry French President
Tessah Danel, Secretary
Rob Cummings
Naomi Angier
Rusty Garrison, Treasurer

STAFF PRESENT:

Farshad Allahdadi, General Manager
Brandi Litteral, Records & Admin Coordinator

CRW Employees: Financial Officer, Christina Irish;
Chief Engineer, Jason Branstetter; IT Manager,
Kham Keobounnam

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: 0

VISITORS: Bob Steringer, Kevin Williams, Tim Chariet, Michael Miller

Call Regular Meeting to Order

Commissioner French called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Roll was taken and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

MOTION: Commissioner Danel moved to approve the agenda as Presented. Commissioner Garrison seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Ayes: Angier, Cummings, Danel, French, Garrison
Nays: None
Abstentions: None

Public Comment- none

Consent Agenda

CA-1: Gross Payroll and Account Paid for June 2026
CA-2: Cash & Investment Ending Balances Report

MOTION: Commissioner Danel moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner Garrison seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Ayes: Angier, Cummings, Danel, French, Garrison
Nays:
Abstentions: None

Agenda Item 1.0 **Recurring Payments: Consider Approval of Recurring Payments for FY 2026-27 in Excess of General Manager's Approval Authority**

- Christina Irish, CFO, brought forward a list of recurring payments and contracts expected to be over \$75K. The General Manager has authority to approve payments under \$75K.
- Commissioner Garrison asked why one company for water treatment chemicals has a contract and another has a purchase order. Ms. Irish explained that the Hasa procurement was not required to do a full procurement as it is under the amount required for a contract. Small procurements do not always have a contract attached, sometimes an awarded purchase order is all that exists.

MOTION: Commissioner Danel Move the Board approve the recurring purchases for FY 2026-27 that are Over \$75,000 as identified in the attached lists (Exhibits A and B). Commissioner Garrison seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Ayes: Angier, Cummings, Danel, French, Garrison
Nays:
Abstentions: None

Agenda Item 2.0 Consider Approval of Legal Services Contract with Dunn Carney, LLP

- Mr. Allahdadi shared that the Board is responsible for hiring the district's legal counsel. The Board went through a hiring process in 2016 and established Bob Steringer as the general counsel.
- Mr. Steringer moved to the Dunn Carney firm at the end of 2025 and the Board approved a contract with Dunn Carney through 12/31/2026.
- The Board wishes to retain Mr. Steringer as counsel and extend the contract with Dunn Carney.
- The Board is being asked to approve the amended and restated contract.
- The contract term will end 12/31/2029
- The fixed retainer will remain the same at \$4,600 per month until the end of the 2026 calendar year. After 01/01/2027 the retainer will increase to \$4,800 a month with a 5% increase on January 1st of the following years.

MOTION: Commissioner Danel Move that the Board authorize the General Manager to enter into a legal services contract with Dunn Carney LLP on terms substantially the same as CRW's current legal services contract with Harrang Long P.C., to be effective through December 31, 2029. Commissioner Garrison seconded the motion

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Ayes: Angier, Cummings, Danel, French, Garrison
Nays:
Abstentions: None

Agenda Item 3.0 Consider Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Clackamas River Water Providers (CRWP) to Fund CRW's Reaccreditation and Ongoing Certification of CRW's Lab for Cyanotoxin Testing

- The CRW water quality lab was granted accreditation by the Oregon Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (OELAC) in July 2019. CRW conducted cyanotoxin testing for CRW and other entities.
- The mold remediation efforts, where the lab is located, prohibited the lab from functioning. During this period CRW made the decision not to pay for the cyanotoxin testing accreditation renewal.
- Clackamas River Water Providers (CRWP) has indicated a desire to support the costs of accreditation and ongoing maintenance. The support would allow the CRW lab to be available to access to cyanotoxin testing to CRWP members through separate agreements with individual CRWP members.
- Staff recommend that the board authorize the General Manager to sign the agreement between CRW and CRWP to fund the reaccreditation of CRW labs for cyanotoxin testing.
- CRWP's technical committee had a meeting last week and the participants agreed that there is value for CRW to provide testing services, but the agreement would require Board action.
- The CRWP board does not meet until later this summer, but the time and agenda that the agreement may be discussed is to be determined.
- If there are material changes to the agreement, the agreement will be brought to the CRW Board to review.
- Commissioner Cummings questioned if CRW could guarantee an available technician to operate the testing. Mr. Allahdadi confirmed that CRW currently has the staff required to complete testing. Materials, equipment, and personnel availability are included in the agreement.
- Other potential testing locations are available in Salem or California.
- Commissioner Angier asked how the agreement came into effect. Mr. Allahdadi explained that cyanotoxin risk is lower for CRW but is more prevalent for larger for other CRWP members. CRW started the testing program as a resource to others.

MOTION: Commissioner Danel Move the Board approve the Agreement between Clackamas River Water Providers and Clackamas River Water to fund the accreditation of the CRW Lab to conduct Cyanotoxin Testing. Commissioner Garrison seconded the motion

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Ayes: Angier, Cummings, Danel, French, Garrison
Nays:
Abstentions: None

Agenda Item 4.0 Management Report

- Monthly report is not available and will be provided to Board members at a later date.

- CRW had a blood drive in June. 7 CRW staff members participated. Mr. Allahdadi expressed gratitude to Ted in FACS department for being the point of contact and coordinating with Red Cross.
- The Regional Water Providers Consortium (RWPC) Technical Committee meeting focused on water supply conditions. Summer flows are lower than normal. CRW is in the same category as other providers - functioning normally for now, but on high alert. The RWPC Technical Committee discussed the delay in filling key positions at RWPC. Commissioner Angier asked why if RWPC membership dues are being used for staffing, is staffing dependent on Portland. City of Portland financial constraint is not the cause of hiring disruption, but rather the City of Portland has procedural hangups due to layoff and hiring processes.
- Registration for the Down the River Cleanup is open. The event will be held on Saturday, September 12th. Riverside Park is one of the volunteer locations.
- Around 12pm today a small grass fire was discovered by a contractor working on a fence at Riverside Park. The contractor took immediate action to extinguish the fire and CRW employees assisted. The cause of the fire is undetermined. (photo that was shared with the board is included at the end of the minutes on page 5).
- There is no July work session
- Agenda setting meeting is on July 29th at 11am
- Commissioner Angier will not be at the August meeting
- Commissioner Danel will not be at the October 8th meeting

No public comment- None

Agenda Item 6.0 Commissioner Reports and Reimbursements

- Commissioner French suggests that Board members send reports from meetings where commissioners are liaisons in an email to the Board and GM moving forward.
- The liaison position for Clackamas Fire has not been filled in 8 years. Farshad suggested that Ray Watkins, Risk Manager, take over the Clackamas Fire representative position. Ray is now the liaison for Clackamas Fire.

Open meeting is adjourned at 6:30pm



Photo from small grass fire at Riverside Park on July 9,2026 as referenced in the Agenda Item 4 Management Report