

Yamhill Regional Water Authority (YRWA)
Commission Meeting
November 16, 2021 at 10:00 am
McMinnville Water & Light, 855 NE Marsh Lane, McMinnville, Oregon
Meeting conducted electronically via Zoom

MINUTES

Call to Order

Ed Gormley called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

Roll Call

YRWA Commissioners/Alternate Representatives Present:

Ed Gormley, YRWA Chair, McMinnville Water & Light Commission Member
Preston Polasek, City Administrator, City of Lafayette
Keenan Ordon-Bakalian, Jordan Ramis Attorney, City of Carlton

Others Present:

John Dietz, YRWA General Manager and McMinnville Water & Light General Manager
James Burke, Water Division Director, McMinnville Water & Light
Amy Gonzales, Water Division E&O Assistant, McMinnville Water & Light

Approval of Minutes

Preston Polasek made a **motion** to accept the minutes of the September 21, 2021 meeting. Ed Gormley seconded the motion and the minutes were **accepted** as presented.

Update on Willamette Water Right

John Dietz provided an update on the purchase of the 1954 Willamette Water Right and stated that the final order was issued, but had some errors. Water resources will correct it and we anticipate closing early in 2022.

Regional System Future Planning

John Dietz stated that McMinnville Water & Light has started negotiations on a piece of property for a future water treatment plant and is working with an engineering consultant to assess the site. At this time the location of the property is confidential.

River Data

The river data for the period of September 1, 2021-November 9, 2021 was distributed, and there were 0 days where river flows were below the fish flow target levels. There have been 80 days in 2021 that we would not have been able to pull water.

Additional Items

Preston Polasek said that purchasing water from McMinnville Water & Light has been a great partnership and Lafayette’s water quality has improved immensely. John Dietz said McMinnville Water & Light will be applying for ARPA funds from Yamhill County.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

The group agreed that the next meeting would be on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 10:00 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 am.

Prepared by:

YAMHILL REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY

Amy Gonzales

City of Carlton

City of Lafayette

McMinnville Water & Light