

RESOLUTION NO. 2560

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A CITY REPRESENTATIVE TO THE LEVEE READY COLUMBIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

THE TROUTDALE CITY COUNCIL FINDS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Columbia Corridor is the single largest economic corridor in Oregon, stretching along the Columbia River from the Rivergate Industrial District on the Willamette River in the west, to the Troutdale Reynolds Industrial Park on the Sandy River in the east, and is a critical regional economic area comprising the largest industrial area in the state, with 2,500 businesses employing 65,000 people, and over \$16 billion in annual economic activity.
2. That the Columbia River levee system is a 27-mile infrastructure network running along the Columbia River, Sandy River, and the Columbia Slough, with interior drainage components, and pump stations, which provides flood protection through a cooperative, but complicated system, stretching across the jurisdictions of the county, four cities, and four drainage districts.
3. That to maintain economic viability, property protected by the levee system requires continued access to National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), which requires accredited levees, which accreditation is to be achieved through and US Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) Rehabilitation and Inspection Program (RIP).
4. That the RIP program requirements of the USACE, the NFIP requirements of FEMA, and the multi-jurisdictional area of the Columbia Corridor, make for a highly complex levee accreditation process requiring significant regional cooperation.
5. That by the authority granted in Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 190.010 the City, along with other cooperating agencies and jurisdictions, created the Levee Ready Columbia (LRC) a joint organization, and have subsequently entered into several intergovernmental agreements (IGA) to support obtaining, managing, ensuring, and maintaining certification and accreditation of the Levee System, and for the governance of the LRC.

6. That due to the advocacy work of the LRC, the Oregon Legislative Assembly in 2019, as codified at ORS Chapter 550, created the Urban Flood Safety And Water Quality District (UFSWQD) as new special district which has legislative authority and financial capability and charged the district with of acquiring, purchasing, constructing, improving, operating and maintaining works with the primary district purpose to reduce the risk of flooding and protect people and property.

7. That the UFSWQD is intended as the successor organization to the several drainage districts which are parties to the cooperative LRC joint organization, and the UFSWQD will also assume much of the existing duties, responsibilities, and obligations of the LRC joint organization which will terminate on June 30, 2024.

8. That there are common interests and purposes of the LRC and the UFSWQD, and the representatives among several UFSWQD's Initial Board of Directors and the LRC Board are, while similar, not identical, which results in duplication of meetings and inefficient administration and decision-making.

9. That it is in the best interest of the public to eliminate unnecessary duplication of meetings and promote efficient decision-making, operations, and management related to the flood safety system through unifying the Board representation of both the LRC and the UFSWQD.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TROUTDALE:

Section 1. In accordance with Troutdale Municipal Code 2.20.010 (C), Mayor Randy Lauer has hereby appointed City Council President Councilor David Ripma as the City of Troutdale representative on the Levee Ready Columbia Board of Directors.

Section 2. To promote efficient decision-making, operations, and management related to the flood safety system in a cooperative, cross-sector regional manner, Councilor David Ripma shall also continue as the City of Troutdale representative on the Urban Flood Safety and Water Quality District (UFSWQD) Initial Board of Directors.

Section 3. The previous appointment of Ray Young City Manager, as the City of Troutdale representative on the Levee Ready Columbia Board of Directors, as per Section 6. Resolution No. 2465 adopted July 9, 2019, is hereby superseded.

Section 4. This Resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

YEAS: 7
NAYS: 0
ABSTAINED: 0



Randy Lauer, Mayor
Date: February 24, 2022



Sarah Skroch, City Recorder
Adopted: February 22, 2022