

COWLITZ-WAHKIAKUM COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
Regular Board Meeting
Cowlitz County Administration Building – General Meeting Room
Thursday, February 22, 2018 – 12:00 p.m.

MINUTES

General/Special Representatives/Alternates

Troy Stariha, Port of Kalama, Chair
Mike Backman, Wahkiakum County
David Vorse, City of Castle Rock
Adam Smee, City of Kalama
Rosemary Siipola, City of Kalama
Mike Karnofski, City of Kelso
Dale Jacobson, Town of Cathlamet
Scott Vydra, City of Longview
MaryAlice Wallis, City of Longview
Susan Humbyrd, City of Woodland

Pete Boyce, City of Woodland
Jeff Wilson, Port of Longview
Paul Cline, Port of Woodland
Bob Kizziar, Wahkiakum Port 1
Scott Westlund, Kelso School District
Dan Zorn, Longview School District
Stacey Brown, Woodland School District
Bill Hallanger, Cowlitz 2 Fire & Rescue
Ray Johnson, Cowlitz PUD

Associate/Affiliate Representatives/Alternates

Amy Asher, Cowlitz Transit Authority
Duane Leaf, 3 Rivers Regional Wastewater Plant

Bill Marcum, Kelso-Longview Chamber

Guests

Claude Sakr, Cowlitz County
Judith Perez, WSDOT

Carter Timmerman, WSDOT

Staff

Bill Fashing
Lauren Read
Robert Stevens

Ken Pearrow
Anisa Kisamore
Rachelle Nugent

1. Call to Order & Introduction

Chair, Troy Stariha, called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. Introductions were made.

2. Public Comment

No public comment.

3. Consent Agenda

A. January 25, 2018 Minutes

B. January 2018 Expenditures

Motion: A motion was made by Scott Vydra to approve the consent agenda as presented. This included: (A) January 25, 2018 meeting minutes; (B) January 2018 expenditures in the amount of \$65,595.02. The motion was seconded. No discussion. Voting all in favor. Motion carried.

4. Action Items

A. Resolution 18-03: Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment #2

Director Fashing gave an overview of Intelligent Transportation Systems and the opportunity that FHWA has presented to the COG. The resolution will add section 2.9 “Intelligent Transportation Services Architecture” with a budget of \$25,000 to the current UPWP.

Motion: A motion was made by Dave Vorse to approve Resolution 18-03 as presented. The motion was seconded. No discussion. Voting most in favor, one opposed. Motion passed.

B. Consideration of a Letter of Support to change the Regulatory Jurisdiction of the US Army Corps of Engineers from the Seattle District to the Portland District

Robert Stevens presented on the

Motion: A motion was made by Scott Vydra to approve the Letter of Support as presented. The motion was seconded. It was suggested to add the word “have” to the third page, second paragraph to ensure

clarity. A motion was made by Adam Smee to amend the Letter of Support. The Motion was seconded. No discussion. Voting all in favor. Motion passed. Scott Vydra changed his motion to "as amended". The motion was seconded. No discussion. Voting all in favor. Motion Passed.

5. Information Items

A. Presentation: Industrial Way Oregon Way Interchange Project (SR 432/433) – Claude Sakr

Claude Sakr gave an overview of the project process and the various alternative options. Within each alternative, the key impacts and benefits were highlighted.

B. 2019 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Robert Stevens reminded the Board of the UPWP process including the four elements of the document. His presentation provided a timeline for the creation of the 2019 UPWP.

C. Discussion of the Articles of Association and Bylaws

The Board was informed that the Executive Committee met last week to review the Articles and Association and Bylaws. The Executive Committee made changes to both documents to clarify the COG's role in the Economic Development District and the Metropolitan Planning Organization, and to create a line of authority of the COG over the Regional Transportation Planning Organization and the Economic Development District. It was suggested by the Board that there be a workshop at the next meeting to review the changes made to the Articles of Association and Bylaws.

D. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Document Update

The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) document is available on the website for review. The 30-day public comment period for the document began on February 20, 2018 and legal notices have been sent to the appropriate media outlets.

Director Fashing informed that Board that there will be another CEDS Committee next week and a walkthrough of the CEDS will be done at the next Board meeting.

6. Executive Director's Report

The cities and counties were thanked for their resolutions in regards to the new Economic Development District. It was also announced that an investment has been received from Wahkiakum County for the District.

7. Executive Committee Report

A. December 21, 2017 Meeting Minutes

B. January 25, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Troy Stariha informed the Board that he and the Executive Committee met during the previous week to review the Articles of Association and Bylaws.

8. Other Business

It was noted that there was a good turn out for the Economic Development Council meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:08 p.m.



William A. Fashing, Executive Director



Troy Stariha, Chair



Lauren Read, Planning Assistant