

COWLITZ-WAHKIAKUM COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Regular Board Meeting

Cowlitz County Administration Building ~ General Meeting Room
Thursday, March 23, 2017 ~ 12:00 PM

MINUTES

General/Special Representatives/Alternates

Troy Stariha, Port of Kalama, Chair
Jeff Wilson, Port of Longview
Jennifer Keene, Port of Woodland
Adam Smee, City of Kalama
Scott Vydra, City of Longview
Susan Humbyrd, City of Woodland
Mike Backman, Wahkiakum County

Erin Thompson, Castle Rock School District
Scott Westlund, Kelso School District
Michael Green, Woodland School District
Ray Johnson, Cowlitz PUD
Bill Hallanger, Cowlitz 2 Fire & Rescue
Dell Hillger, Beacon Hill Water & Sewer District

Associate/Affiliate Representatives/Alternates

Scot Walstra, Cowlitz EDC

Guests

Nancy Chennault, City of Castle Rock
Adam Trimble, City of Longview

Mike Karnofski, Cowlitz EDC
David Simpson, Woodland Planning Commission

Staff

Bill Fashing
Deborah Johnson
Anisa Kisamore
Chalaina Kroll

Beth Lampman
Lauren Marshall
Robert Stevens

1. Call to Order & Introduction.

Chair Troy Stariha called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. Introductions were made.

2. Public Comment.

No public comment.

3. Consent Agenda.

A. February 23, 2017 meeting minutes

Motion: A motion was made by Susan Humbyrd to approve the February 23, 2017 meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded. No discussion. Voting all in favor. Motion carried.

B. February 2017 expenditures in the amount of \$19,887.25.

Motion: A motion was made by Michael Green to approve the February 2017 expenditures as presented. The motion was seconded. No discussion. Voting all in favor. Motion carried.

4. Action Items

A. Adoption – 2016 Annual Report

Motion: A motion was made by Susan Humbyrd to adopt the 2016 Annual Report as presented. The motion was seconded. Voting all in favor. Motion carried.

5. Information Item

A. Presentation – 2016 CWCOC Chairman Appreciation

Chair Troy Stariha thanked Michael Green for his leadership and service to the agency in 2016, and presented him with a plaque of appreciation.

B. Presentation – Smart Growth Conference Report

Nancy Chennault, City of Castle Rock

Ms. Chennault gave a brief overview of her experience at the conference. She focused on housing, walkability, and sense of place. Pictures were shared of various walking tours that she attended. These Walking tours enabled her to be to network and bring back new ideas.

David Simpson, Woodland Planning Commission

Mr. Simpson expressed that he was very surprised by what the presenters at the conference considered a small city. According to information presented at the conference, Woodland is doing very well compared to other cities its size in terms of planning According to the conference presenters, most small cities are just starting to plan now while Woodland has been planning for many years. Knowing this enabled Mr. Simpson to come back from the conference with more drive and ambition.

Adam Trimble, City of Longview

Mr. Trimble explained that Longview is in the middle of an update to their comprehensive plan and he wanted to bring back information from the conference to assist with the update. His focus at the conference was affordable housing and working with developers. He took many things from the conference and presented them to the planning commission; such as infill and walkability.

Mike Karnofski, Cowlitz Economic Development Council

Mr. Karnofski informed the Board that his focus at the conference was economic development and quality of place. He attended presentations on housing, economic development, rural communities, and social trends. Information was shared on how social trends in big cities could affect Cowlitz County. From knowledge he obtained at conference presentations, he explained that in order to better our community, we need to look inside it and clean it up first.

6. Executive Director's Report

Bill Fashing stated that he would include his Director's Report in the Weekly Reader in order for the meeting to adjourn on time.

7. Executive Committee Report.

Troy Stariha noted that the Executive Committee minutes from and December 2016 and February 2017 were approved No report was given.

8. Other Business.

No other business.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:01 p.m.



William A. Fashing, Executive Director



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Troy Stariha, Chair



Anisa Kisamore, Business Administrator