

COWLITZ-WAHKIAKUM COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
Regular Board Meeting
 Cowlitz County Event Center
 Thursday, January 24, 2019 ~ 12:00 p.m.

MINUTES

General/Special Representatives/Alternates

Troy Stariha, Outgoing Chair, Port of Kalama
 Dennis Weber, Incoming Chair, Cowlitz County
 Mike Backman, Wahkiakum County
 Paul Helenberg, City of Castle Rock
 Adam Smee, City of Kalama
 MaryAlice Wallis, City of Longview
 Scott Vydra, City of Longview
 Susan Humbyrd, City of Woodland
 Sue Cameron, Town of Cathlamet
 Jeff Wilson, Port of Longview

Bob Kizziar, Wahkiakum Port 1
 Robert Wile, Port of Woodland
 Bill Hallanger, Cowlitz 2 Fire & Rescue
 Kirk Northcut, Cowlitz Fire District 1
 Victor Leatzow, Cowlitz Fire District 5
 Bonnie Decius, Beacon Hill Water & Sewer
 Eric Nerison, Kalama School District
 Paula Edwards, Kelso School District
 Patti Bowen, Longview School District
 Michael Green, Woodland School District

Associate/Affiliate Representatives/Alternates

Amy Asher, Cowlitz Transit Authority
 Scot Walstra, CEDC

Bill Marcum, Kelso-Longview Chamber
 Ilona Kerby, Lower Columbia CAP

Guests

Joanna Lowrey, WSDOT
 Gene Healy, Wahkiakum PUD

Corey Balkan, Gallagher

Staff

Bill Fashing
 Ken Pearrow
 Robert Stevens

Anisa Kisamore
 Lauren Read
 Rachele Thomas

1. Call to Order & Introduction

Chair, Troy Stariha, called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. Introductions were made.

2. Public Comment

No public comment.

3. Consent Agenda

- A. December 20, 2018 Minutes
- B. December 2018/January 2019 Expenditures

Motion: A motion was made by Scott Vydra to approve the consent agenda as presented. This included: (A) December 20, 2018 meeting minutes and (B) December 2018/January 2019 expenditures in the amount of \$76,830.27. The motion was seconded. No discussion. Voting all in favor. Motion carried.

4. Action Items

- A. Officers: 2019 Officers and Special Committee Members

The Board of Directors was provided a memo outlining the officer recommendations from the Nominating Committee.

Motion: A motion was made by Bill Hallanger to approve 2019 Officers and Special Committee Members as presented. The motion was seconded. No discussion. Voting all in favor. Motion passed.

The gavel was passed from Outgoing Chair, Troy Stariha, to Incoming Chair, Dennis Weber. Dennis ran the meeting from this point forward.

B. Resolution 19-01: Public Utility District No. One of Wahkiakum County

Director Fashing informed the Board of Directors that Gene Healy of the Wahkiakum PUD was in attendance and that the PUD had passed a resolution at their last commissioners meeting requesting membership in the CWCOG.

Motion: A motion was made by Bob Kizziar to approve Resolution 19-01 as presented. The motion was seconded. No discussion. Voting all in favor. Motion passed.

C. Resolution 19-02: Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Guidelines for a Special Call for Projects
Robert Stevens explained that the Port of Kalama has returned their grant and that the money needs to be reallocated quickly. The project application and an overview of the program was provided to the Board of Directors.

There were questions on whether or not the Board of Directors needed to first accept the money back before approving a special call for projects. It was suggested to vote on the resolution as presented since there is mention of accepting the return of the grant in the resolution.

Motion: A motion was made by Adam Smee to approve Resolution 19-02 as presented. The motion was seconded. Voting all in favor. Motion passed.

D. 2019 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee Membership

The Economic Development Administration (EDA) has requested that the CWCOG Board of Directors act as the Economic Development Board for the new Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Economic Development District. The list provided to the Board of Directors was created by merging the existing Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee with the old Economic Development District Board.

Motion: A motion was made by Susan Humbyrd to approve Resolution 18-26 as presented. The motion was seconded. Voting all in favor. Motion passed.

E. Travel Authorization: Washington D.C., National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) – Washington Summit

This is the same conference that Director Fashing attended last year.

Motion: A motion was made by Susan Humbyrd to approve Travel Authorization as presented. The motion was seconded. There was discussion on whether or not the Director should attend the conference if the government is still shutdown.

The motion was amended to include the condition of the government being open. The second was amended. No further discussion. Voting all in favor. Motion passed.

5. Information Items

A. Corey Balkan, Gallagher – Medical Rate Stabilization Program Update

Corey Balkan gave an overview of the Medical Rate Stabilization Committee and how it benefits the CWCOG members who participate. He shares the statistics from 2018 and the rate changes for 2019.

B. Economic Development District Designation Impacts

Since the Board of Directors will be acting as the Economic Development Board as well, the Bylaws may need to be amended. Staff will bring the Bylaws before the Board of Directors in February or March.

C. WSDOT Response to Performance Measures Letter

The response to the letter the Board of Directors wrote to WSDOT was provided in the agenda packet.

D. Army Corps of Engineers Response to CWCOG Letter and Corps Outreach Plan

The response to the letter the Board of Directors sent to the Army Corps of Engineers was provided in the agenda packet. The Corps outreach plan was also provided.

6. Executive Director's Report

A. Transportation Impacts of the Federal Shutdown

A WSDOT handout was provided to the Board of Directors providing information on the transportation impacts of the government shutdown.

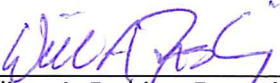
7. **Executive Committee Report**

A. November 27, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes

Due to time constraints, this agenda item was not discussed.

8. **Other Business**

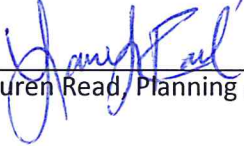
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.m.



William A. Fashing, Executive Director



Paul Helenberg, Vice Chair



Lauren Read, Planning Assistant