

**COWLITZ-WAHKIAKUM COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
 Cowlitz County Event Center  
 Thursday, April 25, 2019 ~ 12:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

**General/Special Representatives/Alternates**

Dennis Weber, Chair, Cowlitz County  
 Joe Gardner, Cowlitz County  
 Gene Strong, Wahkiakum County  
 Paul Helenberg, City of Castle Rock  
 Adam Smee, City of Kalama  
 Scott Vydra, City of Longview  
 Pete Boyce, City of Woodland  
 Susan Humbyrd, City of Woodland  
 Troy Stariha, Port of Kalama

Mark Wilson, Port of Kalama  
 Jeff Wilson, Port of Longview  
 Bob Kizziar, Wahkiakum Port 1  
 Robert Wile, Port of Woodland  
 Bill Hallanger, Cowlitz 2 Fire & Rescue  
 Eric Nerison, Kalama School District  
 Patti Bowen, Longview School District  
 Michael Green, Woodland School District

**Associate/Affiliate Representatives/Alternates**

Jeff Cameron, Cowlitz Transit Authority

Debbie Stanley, Three Rivers Regional Wastewater

**Guests**

Dena Horton, Senator Cantwell's Office  
 Judith Perez, WSDOT  
 Alyssa Joyner, Workforce SW WA  
 Chris Strebbig, U.S. Forest Service

Carter Timmerman, WSDOT  
 Rick Keniston, WSDOT  
 Mark Smith, Citizen  
 Doug Averett, Port of Longview

**Staff**

Bill Fashing  
 Ken Pearrow  
 Robert Stevens

Anisa Kisamore  
 Lauren Read

**1. Call to Order & Introduction**

Chair, Dennis Weber, called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. Introductions were made.

**2. Public Comment**

**3. Consent Agenda**

- A. March 28, 2019 Minutes
- B. March 2019 Expenditures

**Motion:** A motion was made by Scott Vydra to approve the consent agenda as presented. This included: (A) March 28, 2019 meeting minutes and (B) March 2019 expenditures in the amount of \$71,298.38. The motion was seconded. No discussion. Voting all in favor. Motion carried.

**4. Action Items**

- A. Resolution 19-08: 2019-2022 Regional Transportation Improvement Program Amendment  
 Robert Stevens informed the Board of Directors that the Resolution included two formal amends for projects from the City of Longview.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Scott Vydra to approve Resolution 19-08 as presented. The motion was seconded. No discussion. Voting all in favor. Motion passed.

**5. Information Items**

- A. Presentation: Christ Strebbig, Spirit Lake Project Manager, USFS  
 Chris showed photos from and provided an overview of the work that has been done on the tunnel since 2016. He explained that there are upcoming plans for further improvements and studies.

B. **Census Complete Count Committee**

Director Fashing explained that since the Board of Directors approved of the CWCOG establishing a Complete Count Committee, invitations to stakeholders via email and a news release have gone out. The new employee, who is set to start on May 16, will be working on the project.

**6. Executive Director's Report**

HOSSWA has requested membership in the medical rate stabilization committee. Beacon Hill Water and Sewer District has requested that their membership be changed from a Special Member to an Associate Member.

There was a UPWP meeting yesterday with WSDOT, ODOT, FTA and FHWA in attendance.

An IWOW meeting was held before this meeting and the possible use of a build grant was discussed. There will be further meetings to discuss this option.

The CWCOG will continue to take the lead on the Spirit Lake work and will look at including more issues other than just the tunnel and dam.

**7. Executive Committee Report**

Chair Dennis Weber informed the Board of Directors that a new employee handbook for the CWCOG had been approved and that there will be an Executive Committee planning meeting Friday at the Port of Kalama.

**8. Other Business**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

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William A. Fashing, Executive Director

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Dennis Weber, Chair

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Lauren Read, Planning Assistant