

COWLITZ-WAHKIAKUM COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Regular Board Meeting

Virtual ~ Via Zoom

Thursday, February 24, 2022 ~ 12:00 p.m.

MINUTES

General/Special Representatives/Alternates

Paul Helenberg, City of Castle Rock, Chair
Lee Tischer, Wahkiakum County
Mike Karnofski, City of Kelso
Andrew Hamilton, City of Kelso
MaryAlice Wallis, City of Longview
Will Finn, City of Woodland
David Olson, Town of Cathlamet
Troy Stariha, Port of Kalama
Mark Wilson, Port of Kalama

Doug Averett, Port of Longview
Scott Anderson, Port of Wahkiakum Dist. #1
Jennifer Wray-Keene, Port of Woodland
Bill Hallanger, Cowlitz 2 Fire and Rescue
Sammy Brown, Cowlitz County Fire Dist. #5
Gene Healy, Wahkiakum PUD
Patti Bowen, Longview School District
Michael Green, Woodland School District

Associate/Affiliate Representatives/Alternates

Jennifer Westerman, Housing Opportunities of SW
Washington
Bill Marcum, Kelso-Longview Chamber of
Commerce
Ilona Kerby, Lower Columbia CAP

Wendy Hall, Lower Columbia College
Teresa Stedman, City of Washougal
Stephanie Helem, Three Rivers Regional
Wastewater Authority

Guests

Anthony Peña, Sen. Murray's office
Sarah Kahout, Sen. Cantwell's office
Senator Jeff Wilson, District #19

Representative Joel McIntire, District #19
Corey Balkan, Gallagher

Staff

Bill Fashing
Anisa Kisamore
Ken Pearrow
Robert Stevens

Brandon Robinson
Rachelle Nugent
Marcella Smith

1. Call to Order & Introduction

The regular monthly meeting of the CWCOG Board of Directors was held on Thursday, February 24, 2022, through a virtual Zoom conference. Chair Helenberg, called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm.

2. Public Comment

No public comments were received.

3. Consent Agenda

Minutes from the January 27, 2022, regular Board of Directors meeting and agency expenditures for January 2022 were presented in the agenda packet.

Motion: Mike Karnofski moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with expenditures totaling \$81,714.42. Motion adopted.

4. **Action Items**

No action items were presented for consideration.

5. **Information Items**

A. **CWCOG Medical Rate Stabilization Committee Yearly Report**

Corey Balkan, Area Vice-President for Gallagher, presented an overview of the committee and stated that the yearly negotiations have saved members of the committee \$2.726 million dollars over the last 13 years. The 2022 negotiation resulted in a 10% premium rate renewal as compared to the national average of 25.85%. Additional materials were presented and will be provided by Mr. Balkan to be distributed via email to the Board members. No further discussion.

B. **Mobility Management Program Training Update**

An update of the Mobility Management Program trainings was presented by Lauren Read. The training series will be taught in and tailored to each county. Board members were asked to share the fliers with their respective agencies. Discussion was broached about information distribution through the Senior Centers.

C. **Fourth Quarter 2021 Financial Report**

Bill Fashing discussed and highlighted sections of the Fourth Quarter 2021 Financial Report as sent to board members in the agenda packet. No further discussion.

6. **Executive Director's Report**

Bill Fashing spoke briefly about each of the following: Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) funding increase, an upcoming Mobility Management Program audit, the Grant Resources Program, Broadband Action Team efforts, a Rails to Trails Program legal review, current public transportation service needs, the 2022 Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP), the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), a Spirit Lake Toutle/Cowlitz River Sediment Collaborative funding request, Small Business Resiliency Toolkit distribution, and the Resilience and Recovery update.

7. **Executive Committee Report**

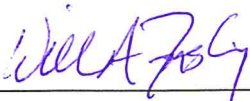
The Executive Committee had no report for February 2022.

8. **Other Business**

Comments were given.

9. **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 12:44 p.m.



William A. Fashing, Executive Director



Paul Helenberg, Chair



Marcella Smith, Planning Assistant