

**COWLITZ-WAHKIAKUM COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

**Regular Board Meeting**

Virtual ~ Via Zoom

Thursday April 28, 2022 ~ 12:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

**General/Special Representatives/Alternates**

Paul Helenberg, City of Castle Rock, Chair  
Dennis Weber, Cowlitz County  
Lee Tischer, Wahkiakum County  
Adam Smee, City of Kalama  
Mike Karnofski, City of Kelso  
MaryAlice Wallis, City of Longview  
Will Finn, City of Woodland  
David Olson, Town of Cathlamet

Jeanne Hendrickson, Town of Cathlamet  
Troy Stariha, Port of Kalama  
Mark Wilson, Port of Kalama  
Doug Averett, Port of Longview  
Bill Hallanger, Cowlitz 2 Fire and Rescue  
Steve Taylor, Cowlitz PUD  
Gene Healy, Wahkiakum PUD  
Patti Bowen, Longview School District

**Associate/Affiliate Representatives/Alternates**

Jim Seeks, Cowlitz Transit Authority  
Jennifer Westerman, Housing Opportunities of SW  
Washington  
Ilona Kerby, Lower Columbia CAP  
Wendy Hall, Lower Columbia College

Monica Budd, Wahkiakum Chamber  
Debbie Stanley, Three Rivers Regional Wastewater  
Authority  
Dell Hillger, Beacon Hill Water & Sewer District

**Guests**

Sen. Jeff Wilson  
Rep. Joel McIntire

**Staff**

Bill Fashing  
Anisa Kisamore  
Rachelle Nugent  
Keshia Owens  
Brandon Robinson

Ken Pearrow  
Lauren Read  
Robert Stevens  
Marcella Smith

**1. Call to Order & Introduction**

The regular monthly meeting of the CWCOG Board of Directors was held on Thursday, April 28, 2022, through a virtual Zoom conference. Chair Helenberg, called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

**2. Public Comment**

No public comments were received.

**3. Consent Agenda**

Minutes from the March 24, 2022, regular Board of Directors meeting and agency expenditures for March 2022 were presented in the agenda packet.

**Motion:** MaryAlice Wallis moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with expenditures totaling \$107,787.03. Motion adopted.

4. **Action Items**

None

5. **Information Items**

Bill Fashing spoke briefly about the letter of support that were written for the following:

- A. National Association of Regional Councils/Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations Congressional Letter
- B. Letter of Support – Mt St Helens Coldwater Creek renovation
- C. Letter of Support - Columbia Height Reconstruction project
- D. Letter of Support – Port of Longview’s Industrial Way At-Grade Crossing Elimination project
- E. Letter of Support – Castle Rock Exit 48/Sewer Main Extensions & Powell Rd Water Project
- F. Letter of Support – SW WA Reg Airport Fuel Tank Replacement/Taxiway Rehabilitation
- G. Letter of Support – Port of Kalama Pedestrian Overpass

Comments were received.

6. **Executive Director’s Report**

Bill Fashing spoke briefly about each of the following: The Spirit Lake/Toutle-Cowlitz Rivers Collaborative, Lower Columbia Investment Network (LCIN) opportunities, Housing Needs Assessment Survey, Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan (CHSTP) Transportation User Survey, a farewell to Ken Pearrow, and a congratulations to Robert Stevens for 5 years of service. Comments were received.

7. **Executive Committee Report**

The Executive Committee had no report for April 2022.

8. **Other Business**

Jim Seeks mentioned the new RiverCities Transit Lexington Route 411 starting next week.

9. **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 12:19 p.m.



William A. Fashing, Executive Director



Dennis Weber, Past Chair



Marcella Smith, Planning Assistant