

**COWLITZ-WAHKIAKUM COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

**Regular Board Meeting**

Virtual ~ Via Zoom

Thursday May 26, 2022 ~ 12:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

**General/Special Representatives/Alternates**

Dennis Weber, Cowlitz County, Past Chair

Lee Tischer, Wahkiakum County

Adam Smee, City of Kalama

Mike Karnofski, City of Kelso

Andrew Hamilton, City of Kelso

MaryAlice Wallis, City of Longview

David Olson, Town of Cathlamet

Troy Stariha, Port of Kalama

Mark Wilson, Port of Kalama

Doug Averett, Port of Longview

Jennifer Wray-Keene, Port of Woodland

Bill Hallanger, Cowlitz 2 Fire and Rescue

Sammy Brown, Cowlitz Fire District 5

Dan Kay, Wahkiakum PUD

Michael Green, Woodland School District

**Associate/Affiliate Representatives/Alternates**

Jim Seek, Cowlitz Transit Authority

Amanda Rasmussen, Lower Columbia CAP

Chris Bailey, Lower Columbia College

Teresa Stedman, City of Washougal

Debbie Stanley, Three Rivers Regional Wastewater Authority

**Guests**

Anthony Peña, Sen. Patty Murray's Office

Rep. Joel McIntire

Laurie Lebow, WSDOT

Tracey Coleman, Woodland Public Works

Kevin Pine, Grays Harbor County Commissioner

Lisa Olson, Pacific County Commissioner

**Staff**

Bill Fashing

Anisa Kisamore

Rachelle Nugent

Keshia Owens

Brandon Robinson

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, May 26, 2022, through a virtual Zoom conference. Past Chair Weber, called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm.

**2. Public Comment**

No public comments were received.

**3. Consent Agenda**

Minutes from the April 28, 2022, regular Board of Directors meeting and agency expenditures for April 2022 were presented in the agenda packet.

**Motion:** Mike Karnofski moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with expenditures totaling \$97,825.79. Motion adopted.

4. **Action Items**

A. **Resolution 22-08 Adopting the fiscal year (FY) 2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**

Robert Stevens presented a recap of the UPWP Program, the task and subtasks found within the document, and asked for board approval.

**Motion:** Mike Karnofski moved to approve the 2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) as presented. Motion adopted.

B. **Resolution 22-09 Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program Project Selection for Special (Emergency) Call for Projects**

Robert Stevens presented a recap of the history of this special (emergency) call for projects as the state has a pool of funding available for a limited time. The call for projects received five applications of which were reviewed, ranked, and four projects are recommended by CWCOG staff. The board is asked for approval of the following projects.

- Longview - Columbia Heights Road, Cascade Drive to Fishers Lane (Preliminary Engineering (PE) Phase) - \$350,000
- Kelso - Talley Way & Colorado Street Improvements (PE Phase) - \$2,975,000
- Kelso - Haussler Road, W. Vista Way, and S. Vista Way Roadway and Drainage Improvements (PE Phase) - \$2,921,000
- Woodland - Gun Club Road Grind and Overlay - \$642,750

**Motion:** Adam Smee moved to approve the Resolution 22-09 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Project Selection for Special (Emergency) Call for Projects as presented. Motion adopted.

C. **Resolution 22-10 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Project Selection from Contingency List**

Robert Stevens presented the recommendation to approve the Rails to Trails planning project for the available funding provided by the state as the only project from the contingency list that was able to obligate by the September deadline and asked for board approval.

**Motion:** Mike Karnofski moved to approve the Resolution 22-10 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Project Selection from Contingency List as presented. Motion adopted.

5. **Information Items**

No informational items presented.

6. **Executive Director's Report**

Bill Fashing spoke briefly about each of the following: Lower Columbia Investment Network (LCIN) opportunities, Housing Needs Assessment Survey, Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan (CHSTP) Accessible Transportation User Survey, no board meeting in June, and a congratulations to Anisa Kisamore for recent national attention of the First Responder Family Handbook.

The Executive Committee had no report for May 2022.

7. **Other Business**

Jim Seeks mentioned the new RiverCities Transit Lexington Route 411 is to start next week.

8. **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 12:51 p.m.

  
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William A. Fashing, Executive Director

  
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Paul Helenberg, Chair

  
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Marcella Smith, Planning Assistant