



**COWLITZ-WAHKIAKUM COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

**Regular Board Meeting / Hybrid**

Cowlitz Event Center ~ 1900 7th Ave, Longview WA 98632

Video Conferencing ~ Via Zoom

Thursday ~ September 22, 2022 ~ 12:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

**General/Special Representatives/Alternates**

Dennis Weber, Cowlitz County

Lee Tischer, Wahkiakum County

Adam Smee, City of Kalama

MaryAlice Wallis, City of Longview

Will Finn, City of Woodland

David Olson, Town of Cathlamet, Vice-Chair

Troy Stariha, Port of Kalama

Mark Wilson, Port of Kalama

Doug Averett, Port of Longview

Scott Anderson, Wahkiakum Port District 1

Todd Souvenir, Wahkiakum Port District 1

Eugene Healy, Wahkiakum PUD

Debbie Stanley, Three Rivers Regional Wastewater Authority

**Associate/Affiliate Representatives/Alternates**

Wendy Hall, Lower Columbia College

Monica Budd, Wahkiakum Chamber

**Guests**

Sarah Kohout, Sen. Cantwell's Office

**Staff**

Bill Fashing

Anisa Kisamore

Rachelle Nugent

Robert Stevens

Marcella Smith

Monica Seidl

Lauren Read

Brandon Robinson

**1. Call to Order & Introduction**

The regular monthly meeting of the Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council of Governments (CWCOG) Board of Directors was held on Thursday, September 22, 2022. Vice-Chair, David Olson, called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. and introductions were conducted.

**2. Public Comment**

No public comments were received.

**3. Consent Agenda**

A. August 25, 2022 Minutes

B. August Expenditures

Minutes from the August 25, 2022, regular Board of Directors' meeting and agency expenditures for August 2022 were presented as part of the agenda packet.

**Motion:** MaryAlice Wallis moved to approve the August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022, minutes and the August expenditures totaling \$97,650.34. Motion adopted.

**4. Action Items**

A. Resolution 22-14: 2022 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program Amendments – WSDOT Lewis and Clark Bridge and ODOT Curb Ramps

Robert Stevens asked for Board approval of the following two amendments as presented:

- The SR 433 / Lewis and Clark Bridge – Expansion Joint Replacement Project requested additional funding in the amount of \$656,880 bringing the total award to \$1,665,000. The request was due to the addition of a Washington State Patrol agreement and 24-hour Wahkiakum ferry services. Since the increase is greater than the 30% administrative threshold, it requires board approval.
- The OR 47 / OR 8 / US 30 Curb Ramps projects requested additional funding in the amount of \$878,545 bringing the total award to \$2,330,587. The request was due to higher than anticipated construction costs. Since the increase is greater than the 30% administrative threshold, it requires board approval.

Questions were received and answered.

**Motion:** Dennis Weber moved to approve Resolution 22-14: 2022 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program Amendments – WSDOT Lewis and Clark Bridge and ODOT Curb Ramps as presented. Motion adopted with Will Finn abstaining for reasons of conflict of interest.

B. Resolution 22-15: 2023-2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program

Robert Stevens presented the updated Regional Transportation Improvement Program for 2023-2026 for the Board’s consideration. Questions were received and answered.

**Motion:** Adam Smee moved to approve 22-15: 2023-2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program as presented. Motion adopted.

5. **Information Items**

A. Transportation Priorities Survey

Bill Fashing presented a brief overview of efforts to solicit responses to the Transportation Priorities Survey currently being conducted. He asked board members for assistance in promoting the survey. Questions were received and answered.

6. **Executive Director’s Report**

Bill Fashing spoke briefly about each of the following: Lower Columbia Investment Network’s approaching networking night; an upcoming Spirit Lake / Toutle-Cowlitz River Collaborative onsite tour; the Coordinated Public Transportation – Human Services Transportation Planning process; Industrial Way/Oregon Way project; and the Rail to Trails project.

7. **Executive Committee Report**

For informational purposes the Executive Committee meeting minutes for April, June, and July 2022 were included in the agenda packet.

8. **Other Business**

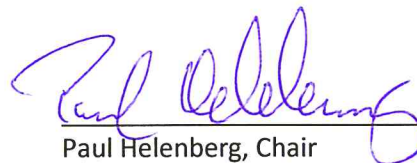
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9. **Adjourn**

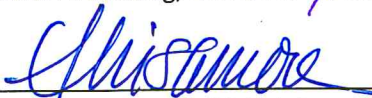
Meeting adjourned at 12:47 p.m.



William A. Fashing, Executive Director



Paul Helenberg, Chair



Anisa Kisamore, Chief Administrative Officer