

COWLITZ-WAHKIAKUM COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Regular Board Meeting

Cowlitz County Administration Building – General Meeting Room

Thursday, June 27, 2017 – 12:00pm

July

MINUTES

General/Special Representatives/Alternates

Troy Stariha, Port of Kalama, Chair
Mark Wilson, Port of Kalama
Dale Boon, Port of Woodland
Charisse Wimer, Wahkiakum Port #1
Dennis Weber, Cowlitz County
Mike Backman, Wahkiakum County
Scott Vydra, City of Longview
Adam Smee, City of Kalama

Rick Roberson, City of Kelso
Susan Humbyrd, City of Woodland
Pete Boyce, City of Woodland
Dale Jacobson, Town of Cathlamet
Dan Zorn, Longview School District
Michael Green, Woodland School District
Kurt Anagnostou, Cowlitz PUD
Bill Hallanger, Cowlitz 2 Fire & Rescue

Associate/Affiliate Representatives/Alternates

Chris Bailey, Lower Columbia College
Scot Walstra, Cowlitz EDC

Paige Lake, Wahkiakum Chamber of Commerce

Guests

Alyssa Joyner, Workforce Southwest Washington
Carter Timmerman, WSDOT
Richard Warren, WSDOT
Arne Mortensen, Cowlitz County

Matt Kunic, WSDOT
Amy Asher, RiverCities Transit
Matthew Pahs, WSDOT

Staff

Bill Fashing
Anisa Kisamore
Rachelle Nugent

Deborah Johnson
Lauren Marshall
Robert Stevens

1. Call to Order & Introduction

Chair Troy Stariha called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. Introductions were made.

2. Public Comment

No public comment.

3. Consent Agenda

- A. May 25, 2017 Minutes
- B. June 22, 2017 Minutes
- C. June 2017 Expenditures

Motion: A motion was made by Michael Green to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion was seconded. No discussion. Voting all in favor. Motion passed.

4. Action Items

- A. Resolution 17-05: Public Participation Plan

Motion: A motion was made by Scott Vydra to approve Resolution 17-05: Public Participation Plan as presented. Motion was seconded. No discussion. Voting all in favor. Motion passed.

- B. Resolution 17-06: Cowlitz Transit Authority (CTA) Membership

Motion: A motion was made by Rick Roberson to approve Resolution 17-06: Cowlitz County Transit Authority (CTA) Membership as presented. Motion was seconded. No discussion. Voting all in favor. Motion passed.

C. Economic Development District: Next Steps

Director Fashing informed the Board that the Cowlitz-Lewis Economic Development District (CLEDD) has officially been dissolved as of July 2017. It was asked of the Board to make a motion that would allow the CWCOG staff to move forward with the formation of a two-county economic development district including Cowlitz and Wahkiakum counties.

Motion: A motion was made by Michael Green to move forward with the formation of a two-county economic development district including Cowlitz and Wahkiakum counties. Motion was seconded. No discussion. Voting all in favor. Motion passed.

5. **Information Items**

- A. Presentation: WTP Phase 2 – Implementation & Freight System Plan
Richard Warren – WSDOT Multimodal Planning Division
Matthew Pahs – WSDOT Rail, Freight, & Ports Division

During the first presentation, Phase 2 of the Washington Transportation Plan (WTP) was explained, as were the differences between the state plan and the Regional Transportation Planning Organization's (RTPO) plan. Phase 2 is a 20-year plan that is comprised of recommendations based on the findings during Phase 1. Phase 2 will be out for public comment in August.

The second presentation was heavily focused on freight and the development of the new freight plan. It was explained that the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is working to identify transit needs and create strategies to address those needs as part of the freight plan. The freight plan is required for WSDOT to get federal dollars to assist with freight/transit projects. The freight plan will be out for public comment in August.

6. **Executive Director's Report**

The Board was informed that a new Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) will be put in place within the next six months as required by the Economic Development Administration (EDA) to create a new economic development district. CWCOG staff will also begin working on a new Coordinated Human Services and Transportation Plan (CHSTP) within the next few months.

There will be a census data workshop on August 3, 2017 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. at the Cowlitz Event Center.

7. **Executive Committee Report**

- A. May Meeting Minutes
B. May 2017 Expenditures

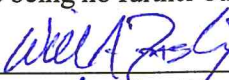
Chair Troy Stariha emphasized that attendance to meetings is extremely important. If quorum is not met at a meeting CWCOG staff are unable to do their day to day duties. If a representative is unable to attend a meeting, they should contact their alternate to ensure that their agency is represented at the meeting.

8. **Other Business**

Board members shared activities and events going on in their area.

- The Wahkiakum Fair is August 17, 2017
- The Cowlitz County Fair is going on until July 29, 2017
- Squirrel Fest will be on August 19, 2017 in Longview
- The Wooden Boat Festival will be held on August 5 and 6 in Wahkiakum county

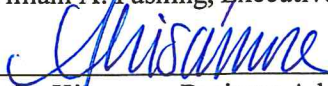
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:57pm.



William A. Fashing, Executive Director



Troy Stariha, Chair



Anisa Kisamore, Business Administrator