

COWLITZ-WAHKIAKUM COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
Regular Board Meeting
Cowlitz County Administration Building – General Meeting Room
Thursday, August 23, 2018 – 12:00 p.m.

MINUTES

General/Special Representatives/Alternates

Michael Green, Acting Chair
Mike Backman, Wahkiakum County
Mike Karnofski, City of Kelso
MaryAlice Wallis, City of Longview
Susan Humbyrd, City of Woodland (via phone)
Troy Stariha, Port of Kalama (via phone)

Jennifer Brown, Port of Longview
Bob Kizziar, Wahkiakum Port 1
Dale Boon, Port of Woodland
Dell Hillger, Beacon Hill
Kirk Northcut, Cowlitz Fire District #1
Scott Westlund, Kelso School District
Dan Zorn, Longview School District

Associate/Affiliate Representatives/Alternates

Scot Walstra, Cowlitz EDC
Ilona Kerby, Lower Columbia CAP

Jeff Cameron, Cowlitz Transit Authority

Guests

Carter Timmerman, WSDOT
Trent Martin, Cowlitz PUD

Judith Perez, WSDOT
Dena Horton, Senator Cantwell's Office

Staff

Bill Fashing
Ken Pearrow
Robert Stevens

Anisa Kisamore
Lauren Read
Rachelle Thomas

1. Call to Order & Introduction

Acting Chair, Michael Green, called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. Introductions were made.

2. Public Comment

No public comment.

3. Consent Agenda

- A. July 26, 2018 Minutes
- B. July 2018 Expenditures

Motion: A motion was made by Susan Humbyrd to approve the consent agenda as presented. This included: (A) July 26, 2018 meeting minutes and (B) July 2018 expenditures in the amount of \$63,336.43. The motion was seconded. No discussion. Voting all in favor. Motion carried.

4. Action Items

- A. Resolution 18-13: Highway Infrastructure Program Guidelines

Robert Stevens gave an overview of the Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP) and explained that funding was only allocated for 2018 in the amount of \$232,310. 78% to be spend in urban areas and 22% for rural use.

Motion: A motion was made by MaryAlice Wallis to approve Resolution 18-13 as presented. The motion was seconded. No discussion. Voting all in favor. Motion passed.

B. Resolution 18-14: Certification of the Longview Revolving Loan Fund

Director Fashing explained that due to EDA requiring the Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Plan to be updated, including new processes of certification, the RLF will come to the Board of Directors for certification each year. The RLF Plan is currently being updated and will also be brought to the Board of Directors for approval.

Motion: A motion was made by Mike Karnofski to approve Resolution 18-14 as presented. The motion was seconded. Voting majority in favor. Motion passed.

C. Travel Authorization: NARC Executive Directors Conference

The NARC Executive Directors Conference will take place in Cleveland, Ohio from September 30 - October 2. The conference is designed specifically for Directors of Councils of Governments and MPOs.

Motion: A motion was made by Bob Kizziar to approve the Travel Authorization as presented. The motion was seconded. Voting all in favor. Motion passed.

5. Information Items

A. Presentation: Initiative Measure No. 1631 – Reducing Pollution by Investing in Clean Air, Water, and Energy
Trent Martin, Cowlitz PUD

Measure 1631 would go into effect in 2020 and would charge \$15 per pound of carbon with an increase of \$2 every year. 70% would be used for clean air, 25% for clean water and forests, and 5% would be for healthy communities. There will be an informational workshop that is open to the public on September, 25 at the Cowlitz PUD.

6. Executive Director's Report

The Board of Directors was informed that an Everyone Counts Committee may be created to assist with Census 2020.

The CWCOCG will be posting an ad for a part-time Community Development planner in the near future.

7. Executive Committee Report

No meeting was held last month due to lack of quorum.

8. Other Business

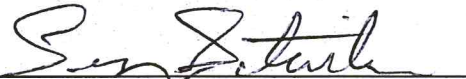
Michael Green updated the Board of Directors on the school district budgets and how they affect the potential teacher strikes.

Dena Horton announced that community health centers will be getting additional funding and that there are several resources for small businesses regarding cyber security. She explained that the Senator's office would be happy to provide letters of support for any agency applying for broadband grants.

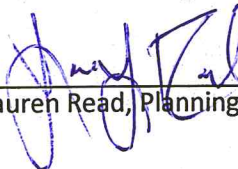
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m.



William A. Fashing, Executive Director



Troy Stariha, Chair



Lauren Read, Planning Assistant