

# COWLITZ-WAHKIAKUM COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

## Regular Board Meeting

Cowlitz County Administration Building – General Meeting Room

Thursday, October 26, 2017 – 12:00 p.m.

### MINUTES

#### General/Special Representatives/Alternates

Dennis Weber, Cowlitz County, Vice Chair  
Mark Wilson, Port of Kalama  
David Vorse, City of Castle Rock  
Adam Smee, City of Kalama  
Scott Vydra, City of Longview  
Pete Boyce, City of Woodland

Richard Swart, Town of Cathlamet  
Eric Nerison, Kalama School District  
Dan Zorn, Longview School District  
Dell Hilger, Beacon Hill Water & Sewer  
Bill Hallanger, Cowlitz 2 Fire & Rescue  
Kurt Anagnostou, Cowlitz PUD

#### Associate/Affiliate Representatives/Alternates

Scot Walstra, Cowlitz EDC

Iлона Kerby, Lower Columbia CAP

#### Guests

Judith Perez, WSDOT SW  
Mike Kardas, City of Kelso

Carter Timmerman, WSDOT HQ

#### Staff

Bill Fashing  
Deborah Johnson  
Anisa Kisamore  
Rachelle Nugent

Ken Pearrow  
Lauren Read  
Robert Stevens

#### **1. Call to Order & Introduction**

Chair ~~Troy Starika~~ called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. Introductions were made.  
Dennis Weber

#### **2. Public Comment**

No public comment.

#### **3. Consent Agenda**

A. September 28, 2017 Minutes

B. September Expenditures

**Motion:** A motion was made by Scott Vydra to approve the consent agenda as presented. This included: (A) September 28, 2017 meeting minutes; (B) September expenditures in the amount of \$59,182.72. The motion was seconded. No discussion. Voting all in favor. Motion carried.

#### **4. Action Items**

A. Consideration of Skills Center Support

**Motion:** A motion was made by Bill Hallanger to approve the support of a process to determine the viability of a Skills Center that would serve the interested districts in Cowlitz, Wahkiakum and Lewis counties. Motion was seconded. A short discussion ensued. Voting all in favor. Motion passed.

#### **5. Information Items**

A. City of Kelso Presentation – Main Street Realignment, Phase 2

A presentation was given by Mike Kardas on Phase 2 of the project. This included a review of Phase 1 and information on funding sources. Phase 2 construction will begin in June of 2019.

B. Letter of Support for Port of Kalama TIGER Grant Application

The Board was informed that Director Fashing had written a letter in support for the Port of Kalama to include with their grant application. The letter was provided to the Board.

C. Port of Longview – International Paper Remedial Investigation

It was noted that Director Fashing attended Port of Longview event brought to the Board's attention by Jeff Wilson at the last meeting, and provided written comments. Comments were provided to the Board.

6. **Executive Director's Report**

A. Economic Development Administration Planning Grant Award

Due to the tight time frame, the CWCOG has a goal of completing the CEDS and the economic development district application by the first quarter of 2018. There will be events/meetings during November and December in each city and town to garner input in the development of the CEDS.

B. Introduction of New Staff

Ken Pearrow, Transportation Planner

Lauren Read, Planning Assistant

Ken started earlier in October and Lauren has been with the COG as a temp for several months.

An overview of the NARC conference that Director Fashing recently attended was also given. He noted that the main topics of the conference were water planning, disaster preparedness, broadband coverage, and census data collection issues.

7. **Executive Committee Report**

A. August 24, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

The August expenditures in the amount of \$141,315.20 were approved at the Executive Committee meeting due to a lack of quorum at the regular board meeting.

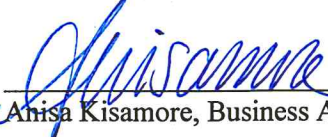
8. **Other Business**

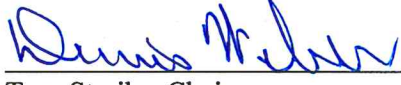
Board members shared activities and events going on in their area.

- McMenamins in Kalama hopes to open March 1
- There will be a discount on utilities available to those over 60
- Weatherization for homes is available for low income households
- A grant was received by CAP to assist homeless youth with their education

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m.

  
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William A. Fashing, Executive Director

  
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Anisa Kisamore, Business Administrator

  
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~~Troy Startha, Chair~~  
DENNIS WEBER