

WHATCOM COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD MINUTES
JANUARY 20, 2016

ATTENDANCE

BOARD MEMBERS: Bob Bromley, Terry Bornemann, Harry Robinson, Pat Alesse, Tom Jones, Pete Stark, Rud Browne, Satpal Sidhu, Shasta Cano-Martin, Jon Mutchler, Kelli Linville, Bruce Ford, Steve Swan, Michael Lilliquist, Michael McAuley

GUESTS: Matt Jensen, Kathy Berg

STAFF: Bob Wilson, Ron Cubellis, Hugh Conroy, Leslye O'Shaughnessy, Mary Anderson

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm and introductions were made.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments received.

C. AGENDA APPROVAL

Request from CTAG to add a project to the Legislative Agenda list added as item G.4.

MOTION: Linville moved, Jones seconded, to approve the agenda as amended.

MOTION PASSED

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Items included in the consent agenda were as follows:

Council minutes from December 9, 2015, November and December 2015 claims vouchers #2015300-2015358 in the total amount of \$221,422.07.

MOTION: Robinson moved, Lilliquist seconded, to approve the consent agenda items which included approval of the minutes from December 9, 2015 Council meeting and approval of the November and December 2015 expenditures.

MOTION PASSED (Browne Abstained)

E. BUDGET

E.1 Budget Report

Wilson reviewed the budget report for December 2015.

F. OLD BUSINESS

None reported.

G. NEW BUSINESS

G.1 Non-Member Fee Schedule

Cubellis reported the fee schedule is updated every year. The fee for copies never changes and the hourly rate for staff time includes the average of all the employees with benefits and overhead.

MOTION: Lilliquist moved, Robinson seconded, to approve the 2016 Non-Member Fee Schedule.

MOTION PASSED

G.2 Election of Small City Representatives to Executive Committee

Members reviewed which of the small cities were currently represented on the Executive Committee. The current small city representatives agreed to serve on the Executive Committee for 2016.

MOTION: Linville moved, Browne seconded, that Sumas, Ferndale and Blaine be the small city representatives on the Executive Committee.

MOTION PASSED

G.3 Election of Board Officers

MOTION: Linville moved, Bornemann seconded, to elect Bromley as Chair, McAuley as Vice-Chair and Louws as Secretary/Treasurer.

MOTION PASSED

G.4 2016 Legislative Agenda

The CTAG is asking that the SR 547 Kendall/Columbia Valley Connectivity Plan preliminary engineering project be added to the 2016 Legislative Agenda that was adopted in December. The amount of the project is \$77,000.

The addition of this project does not take away from the other items on the current list.

MOTION: Bornemann moved, Alesse seconded to add the Preliminary Engineering project for the Kendall/Columbia Valley Connectivity Plan to the 2016 Legislative Agenda list.

MOTION PASSED

H. REPORTS

H.1 Legislative Report

Parker reported to Wilson that early prison release is the main topic of discussion in the legislature now along with the McLeary Decision and charter schools. Wilson is going to Olympia on January 22nd and will be meeting with our legislators.

I. BOARD OPEN FORUM

Sidhu brought up the truck traffic that is going through Bellingham and he thinks that we should be looking at ways to have the truck traffic diverted from going through Bellingham.

J. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Robert Bromley
Chair

Robert H. Wilson, AICP
Executive Director