# WHATCOM COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS BOARD MINUTES MAY 10, 2023

# IN ATTENDANCE (IN PERSON OR VIA ZOOM):

MEMBERS VOTING: Blaine: Richard May; Ferndale: Greg Hansen (Secretary/Treasurer);

Lake Whatcom W&SD: Jeff Knakal; Lynden: Scott Korthuis (Chairman);

Nooksack: Kevin Hester; Sumas: Bruce Bosch; Whatcom County: Satpal Sidhu,

**Kaylee Galloway** 

EX OFFICIO: Chris Roselli, WWU; Les Reardanz, WTA

GUESTS Intisar Surur, McBride Public Affairs

STAFF Ron Cubellis, Hugh Conroy, Melissa Fanucci

#### A. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Fanucci determined that a quorum was present, and Chairman Korthuis called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

C. AGENDA ADDITIONS

None

#### D. CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of January 18, 2023, and February through April 2023 Claims

The consent agenda included the minutes of the meeting of January 18, 2023, and the list of claims from February 1 through April 30, 2023, in the amount of \$539,089.73, which was emailed to the representatives on May 3, 2023, and which was audited and certified by the Executive Director, acting as the Auditing Officer as required by RCW 42.24.080.

### APPROVED AS PRESENTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

## E. BUDGET REPORT

Mr. Cubellis presented the budget report for March 2023.

## F. OLD BUSINESS

None

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## G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Appointment of Interim Executive Director and Authorizing the Executive Committee to Oversee Selection of New Executive Director

Mr. Korthuis presented resolution 2023-02 to appoint Mr. Cubellis as interim Executive Director effective June 1, 2023, immediately appoint Mr. Cubellis to serve as the Secretary of the Whatcom Transportation Policy Board, and authorize the Executive Committee to oversee the section of a new Executive Director. Mr. Korthuis relayed the Executive Committee's recommendation from the its April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting that the selection process should first focus on internal candidates.

**MOTION:** Mr. Sidhu moved, second by Mr. Hansen, to approve resolution 2023-02.

#### **MOTION PASSED**

An interview sub-committee consisting of board members Mr. Korthuis, Mr. Hansen, Mr. Bosch and Michael Lilliquist was selected. May 31<sup>st</sup> was set as the date for a special board meeting to hear from the interview sub-committee and decide next steps.

2. Amending WCOG Procurement Policy

Mr. Cubellis explained the need to amend the Procurement Policy and described the recommended revisions.

**MOTION:** Mr. Hansen moved, second by Mr. Sidhu, to approve the modifications to the Procurement Policy, as presented.

#### **MOTION PASSED**

3. Adopting WSDOT Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program Participation Plan

Mr. Cubellis explained the need to adopt the WSDOT Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program Participation Plan.

**MOTION:** Mr. May moved, second by Mr. Hansen, to adopt the WSDOT Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program Participation Plan.

#### **MOTION PASSED**

I. ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None

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## J. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Korthuis directed the representatives to two letters included in the meeting packet that he had written recently by Executive Director Wilson.

# K. BOARD OPEN FORUM

No discussion or announcements

## L. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

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Paker Cabellis

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Greg Hansen

Ron Cubellis

Secretary-Treasurer

Deputy Director

Approved May 31, 2023