

WHATCOM COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD MINUTES
DECEMBER 8, 2021

IN ATTENDANCE (IN PERSON OR VIA ZOOM):

MEMBERS VOTING: **Bellingham:** Seth Fleetwood, Michael Lilliquist; **Blaine:** Bonnie Onyon; **Everson:** John Perry; **Ferndale:** Greg Hansen (Secretary-Treasurer); **Lynden:** Scott Korthuis (Chairman); **Nooksack:** Tom Jones; **Port of Bellingham:** Ken Bell; **Sumas:** Kyle Christensen; **Whatcom County:** Carol Frazey *EX-OFFICIO:* Les Reardanz, WTA

GUESTS Tony Hillaire, Lummi Nation; John Williams, City of Lynden; Intisar Surur, McBride Public Affairs

STAFF Bob Wilson, Ron Cubellis, Lethal Coe, Jaymes McClain

A. CALL TO ORDER

Secretary Wilson determined that a quorum was present, and Chairman Korthuis called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were present, either in the conference room or online.

C. AGENDA APPROVAL

Mr. Wilson informed the Board that the proposed 2022 schedule of meetings included in the consent agenda was missing a date, and he asked that it be removed from the consent agenda and acted on separately.

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of October 13, 2021, and October-November Claims

The consent agenda included the minutes of the meeting of October 13, 2021, and the list of claims from October 1 through November 30, 2021, in the amount of \$218,871.81, which was emailed to the representatives on December 1, 2021, and which was audited and certified by the Executive Director, acting as the Auditing Officer as required by RCW 42.24.090.

MOTION: Mr. Hansen moved, seconded by Ms. Frazey, to approve the Consent Agenda, as amended.

MOTION PASSED

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2. Proposed 2022 Meeting Schedule

Mr. Wilson explained that the proposed meeting schedule included in the packet was missing a special meeting of the Whatcom Transportation Policy Board to be held on June 8, 2022, for the sole purpose of adopting the regional long-range transportation plan, and he requested that the meeting schedule be amended accordingly.

MOTION: Ms. Frazey moved, seconded by Mr. Bell, to approve the 2022 WCOG meeting schedule, as amended.

MOTION PASSED

E. BUDGET REPORT

Mr. Cubellis presented the budget report for October through November 2021.

F. OLD BUSINESS

None

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Adoption of the 2022 WCOG Budget

Mr. Wilson informed the members that, at its meeting immediately preceding the Council Board meeting, the Executive Committee had passed a motion recommending that the Council Board adopt the proposed 2022 Budget. He and Mr. Cubellis then briefly described the draft Budget and answered questions.

MOTION: Mr. Bell moved, seconded by Mr. Hansen, to approve the proposed 2022 WCOG Budget, as presented.

MOTION PASSED

2. Prioritization of 2022 Transportation Legislative Requests

The Board designated the following four project funding requests as the region's top legislative funding priorities for the 2022 State Legislative Session:

- Bellingham: Meridian Street/Birchwood Avenue Roundabout
- Small Cities: Bradley Road Safe Routes to School Pedestrian Improvements
- Whatcom County: Support for County and Local Road Repairs Resulting from November 2021 Catastrophic Flooding
- WTA: Planning and Design to Expand Bellingham Station.

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MOTION: Mr. Fleetwood moved, seconded by Mr. Lilliquist, to adopt the aforementioned funding requests as the region's four top priorities.

MOTION PASSED

I. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

In the interest of time, Mr. Wilson declined to make a report.

J. CORRESPONDENCE

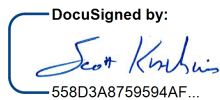
No discussion

K. BOARD OPEN FORUM

Chairman Korthuis presented Mr. Jones with a certificate of appreciation for his twenty years of service to WCOG and the region.

L. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

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Scott Korthuis
Chairman

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Robert H. Wilson, AICP
Executive Director