

WHATCOM COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD MINUTES
MAY 11, 2022

IN ATTENDANCE (IN PERSON OR VIA ZOOM):

MEMBERS VOTING: **Bellingham:** Michael Lilliquist; **Blaine:** Richard May; **Ferndale:** Greg Hansen (Secretary-Treasurer); **Sumas:** Bruce Bosch; **Whatcom County:** Satpal Sidhu, Kaylee Galloway, Kathy Kershner EX-OFFICIO: Les Reardanz, WTA

GUESTS Terry Terry, Lummi Island resident; Joe Timmons, Office of the Governor

STAFF Bob Wilson, Ron Cubellis, Hugh Conroy, Melissa Fanucci, Lethal Coe

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Wilson determined that a quorum was *not* present, and Vice Chairman Lilliquist, acting as chair, called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

In the absence of a quorum, no additions to the agenda were permitted.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

In the absence of a quorum, no action was taken on the Consent Agenda.

E. BUDGET REPORT

Mr. Cubellis presented the budget report for the period ending April 30, 2022.

F. OLD BUSINESS

None

G. NEW BUSINESS

Restoration of Amtrak Cascades Service

Having requested this agenda item, Acting Chairman Lilliquist explained that Amtrak Cascades service between Seattle and Vancouver, BC, had been suspended during the COVID-19 pandemic, and residents of Bellingham and other parts of Whatcom County were expressing interest in its return. There was consensus to have Mr. Wilson prepare and send a letter to the appropriate person at Amtrak to convey the region's desire to have service return as soon as possible. It was agreed that copies of Mr. Wilson's letter would be sent to the governor, the region's Congressional and

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State delegations, and other individuals and organizations with an interest in this matter.

H. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Wilson indicated that he had nothing to report.

I. CORRESPONDENCE


None

J. BOARD OPEN FORUM

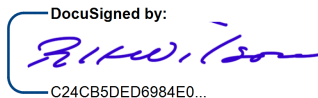
Mr. Wilson informed the members that he would be sending them a reminder to begin thinking about transportation funding requests for the 2023 State legislative session.

K. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

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Secretary-Treasurer

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Robert H. Wilson, AICP
Executive Director

Approved October 12, 2022