

WHATCOM COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD MINUTES
JANUARY 20, 2021

IN ATTENDANCE (VIA ZOOM):

MEMBERS **VOTING:** Bellingham: Seth Fleetwood, Pinky Vargas, Michael Lilliquist; Blaine: Bonnie Onyon; Ferndale: Greg Hansen; Lake Whatcom WSD: John Carter; Lynden: Scott Korthuis (Chairman); Nooksack: Tom Jones; Port of Bellingham: Ken Bell; Whatcom County: Satpal Sidhu, Carol Frazey, Tyler Byrd **EX-OFFICIO:** Atul Deshmane, PUD; Pete Stark, WTA

GUESTS Chris Comeau, City of Bellingham; Les Reardanz, WTA; Mauri Ingram, Whatcom Community Foundation; Summer Starr, The Opportunity Council; Sara Bernardy

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

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Korthuis called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. with a quorum present, and he asked Mr. Wilson to perform a roll call.

B. AGENDA APPROVAL

MOTION: Ms. Vargas moved, Ms. Frazey seconded, to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION PASSED

C. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Ms. Vargas moved, Ms. Frazey seconded, to approve the consent agenda, which included the minutes of the meeting of December 9, 2020 and the list of claims from December 1 through December 30, 2020, in the amount of \$110,819.28, which was e-mailed to the representatives on January 13, 2021, and which was audited and certified by the Executive Director, acting as the Auditing Officer as required by RCW 42.24.090.

MOTION PASSED

D. BUDGET REPORT

Mr. Cubellis presented the budget report for January through December, 2020.

E. OLD BUSINESS

None

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Election of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary-Treasurer

The following representatives were nominated to serve as officers in 2021: Mr. Korthuis was nominated by Mr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Onyon, to serve as Chairman; Ms. Vargas was nominated by Ms. Frazey, seconded by Mr. Bell, to serve as Vice-Chair; and Mr. Hansen was nominated by Ms. Onyon, seconded by Mr. Sidhu, to serve as Secretary-Treasurer. There being no other nominees, the slate was elected by acclamation.

2. Appointment of Small Cities Representatives to the Executive Committee

MOTION: Mr. Sidhu moved, Mr. Lilliquist seconded, to appoint Mr. Korthuis of Lynden, Mr. Hansen of Ferndale, and Mr. Jones of Nooksack, to serve on the Executive Committee in 2021.

MOTION PASSED

3. Census 2020 Update

Mr. Coe – along with Ms. Bernardy, Ms. Ingram and Ms. Starr – briefed the Board on the completion of Census 2020 in Whatcom County.

4. Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation

On behalf of the Board and staff, Chairman Korthuis presented certificates of appreciation to Mr. Stark, on the occasion of his retirement from WTA, and to Ms. Bernardy, for the outstanding job she did as WCOG's census coordinator.

5. Addition to 2021 Transportation Priorities List

Acting on behalf of the Kendall-Columbia Valley Connectivity Trail Association, Mr. Wilson requested that the Board add the "State Route 547 Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Trail, Phase 1" project – in the amount of \$1.34-million – to the recently adopted list of *Transportation Priorities of Whatcom County, 2021*.

MOTION: Ms. Vargas moved, Ms. Frazey seconded, to add the "State Route 547 Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Trail, Phase 1" project – in the amount of \$1.34-million – to the recently adopted list of *Transportation Priorities of Whatcom County, 2021*.

MOTION PASSED

G. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Wilson reminded the Board that WCOG's current office lease will expire effective July 1, 2021, and that Mr. Cubellis and he are exploring options.

H. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence of import had been received or sent prior to the meeting.

I. BOARD OPEN FORUM

No comments were offered for the good of the order.

J. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:29 p.m.



Scott Korthuis
Chairman



Bob Wilson (Oct 14, 2021 13:22 PDT)

Robert H. Wilson, AICP
Executive Director

Approved October 13, 2021

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