

WHATCOM COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD MINUTES
JANUARY 22, 2020

IN ATTENDANCE:

MEMBERS VOTING: Scott Korthuis (Vice Chairman), Seth Fleetwood, Pinky Vargas and Hollie Huthman, Bellingham; Bonnie Onyon, Blaine; Greg Hansen, Ferndale; John Carter, Lake Whatcom W&SD; Tom Jones, Nooksack; Satpal Sidhu, Kathy Kershner and Carol Frazey, Whatcom County; EX-OFFICIO: Andrew Tischleder, Sudden Valley Association; Pete Stark, WTA

GUESTS Michael Lilliquist, Bellingham City Council; Justin Clary, Lake Whatcom W&SD; Jon Hutchings, Whatcom County

STAFF Bob Wilson, Ron Cubellis

A. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Korthuis, acting as chairman, called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. with a quorum present.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comment was offered.

C. AGENDA APPROVAL

MOTION: Mr. Jones moved, Ms. Kershner seconded, to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION PASSED

D. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Ms. Onyon moved, Mr. Jones seconded, to approve the consent agenda, which included the minutes of the meeting of December 11, 2019; the 2020 WCOG meeting calendar; the 2020 fee schedule; and the list of claims from December 1 through December 31, 2019, inclusive, in the amount of \$143,222.75, which was e-mailed to the representatives on January 15, 2020, and which was audited and certified by the Executive Director, acting as the Auditing Officer as required by RCW 42.24.090.

MOTION PASSED

E. BUDGET REPORT

Mr. Cubellis presented the budget report as of December 31, 2019.

F. OLD BUSINESS

None

G. NEW BUSINESS

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

The following representatives were nominated to serve as officers in 2020: Mr. Korthuis was nominated by Ms. Kershner, seconded by Ms. Onyon, to serve as Chairman; Ms. Kershner was nominated by Ms. Onyon, seconded by Mr. Sidhu, to serve as Vice-Chairman; and Mr. Fleetwood was nominated by Mr. Sidhu, seconded by Ms. Vargas, to serve as Secretary-Treasurer. There being no other nominees, they were elected by acclamation.

MOTION PASSED

2. Appointment of Small Cities Representatives to the Executive Committee

MOTION: Ms. Kershner moved, Mr. Sidhu seconded, to appoint Mr. Korthuis of Lynden, Ms. Onyon of Blaine, and Mr. Jones of Nooksack, to serve on the Executive Committee in 2020.

MOTION PASSED

3. Resolution No. 2020-01, Whatcom Complete Count Committee

Mr. Wilson explained that he had received a request from the Whatcom Community Foundation for a resolution affirming the Board's motion at its December 2019 meeting establishing the regional Whatcom Complete Count Committee.

MOTION: Mr. Jones moved, Ms. Vargas seconded, to approve Resolution No. 2020-01, "Affirming the Whatcom Complete Count Committee." (Copy attached.)

MOTION PASSED

4. Additions to the List of Transportation Priorities of Whatcom County, 2020

Mr. Wilson informed the Board that the "30 percent design" study WCOG commissioned for the proposed State Route 547 Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Trail had been completed by the consultant in December, and that he had received a request from the Kendall-Columbia Valley Connectivity Plan Association – on whose behalf the study had been conducted – to add the first phase of construction of the trail to the list in the amount of \$1.2-million.

MOTION: Ms. Vargas moved, Mr. Carter seconded, to add "State Route 547 Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Trail, Phase 1" to the list of Transportation Priorities of Whatcom County, 2020, in the amount of \$1.2-million.

MOTION PASSED

H. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Wilson indicated that he had nothing of urgency to report.

K. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

L. BOARD OPEN FORUM

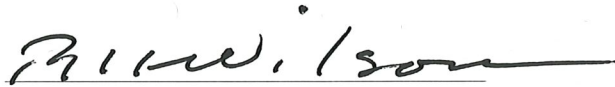
No comments were offered.

M. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:36 p.m.



Scott Korthuis
Chairman



Robert H. Wilson, AICP
Executive Director

Approved May 13, 2020

