

WHATCOM COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD MINUTES – **DRAFT**
OCTOBER 12, 2022

IN ATTENDANCE (IN PERSON OR VIA ZOOM):

MEMBERS VOTING: **Bellingham:** Seth Fleetwood, Michael Lilliquist, Kristina Martens;
Ferndale: Greg Hansen (Secretary-Treasurer); **Lake Whatcom Water & Sewer District:** Todd Citron; **Sumas:** Bruce Bosch; **Whatcom County:** Satpal Sidhu, Kathy Kershner EX-OFFICIO: Christine Grant, PUD No. 1; Les Reardanz, WTA

GUESTS Intisar Surur, McBride Public Affairs

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

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Wilson determined that a quorum was present, and Chairman Korthuis called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of January 19 and May 11, 2022, and January – September 2022 Claims

The consent agenda included the minutes of the meetings of January 19 and May 11, 2022, and the list of claims from January 1 through September 30, 2022, in the amount of \$1,072,025.12, which was emailed to the representatives on October 6, 2022, and which was audited and certified by the Executive Director, acting as the Auditing Officer as required by RCW 42.24.090.

APPROVED AS PRESENTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

E. BUDGET REPORT

Mr. Cubellis presented the budget report for the period ending August 31, 2022.

F. OLD BUSINESS

None

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Draft 2023 WCOG Budget

Messrs. Wilson and Cubellis presented the draft budget to the Board and answered questions posed by the representatives. Mr. Wilson reminded the Board that the final draft would be presented for adoption at the December 2022 meeting, and that no action was necessary at this meeting.

2. Draft 2023 Legislative Transportation Priorities

Mr. Wilson indicated that, to date, he had received only one legislative funding request from the members, which was from Sumas. However, the legislative agenda can be adopted at the December 2022 meeting, and he asked the members to start developing their requests as soon as possible.

3. 2022 WCOG Budget Amendment

Mr. Cubellis described the proposed budget amendment, as follows:

- a. The Smart Trips program received funding from the Port of Bellingham to update the program's digital platform. Fiscal impact: revenue +\$40,000; expense +\$20,000.
- b. The International Mobility & Trade Corridor program received funding from Transport Canada, the BC Ministry of Transportation, and the Federal Highway Administration to conduct a border-related Commercial Vehicle Operations Study. Fiscal impact: revenue +\$69,000; expense +\$54,000.
- c. The regional transportation planning program will be receiving funding from the City of Bellingham and Washington State DOT to assist with gathering safety assessment analytics for the Lincoln/Lakeway study area. Fiscal impact: revenue +\$31,000 revenue; expense +\$46,000.

MOTION: Mr. Fleetwood moved, seconded by Ms. Kershner, to adopt WCOG Budget Amendment No. 2022-1, as presented.

MOTION PASSED

H. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

I. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Wilson directed the representatives to two letters included in the meeting packet which he had written recently.

J. BOARD OPEN FORUM

No comments were offered.

K. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Greg Hansen
Secretary-Treasurer

Robert H. Wilson, AICP
Executive Director

Approval scheduled for December 14, 2022

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