

WHATCOM COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
BOARD MINUTES  
JANUARY 16, 2019

IN ATTENDANCE:

MEMBERS VOTING: Jon Mutchler (Chairman), Ferndale; Scott Korthuis (Vice Chairman), Lynden; Jack Louws (Secretary-Treasurer), Whatcom County; Kelli Linville and April Barker, Bellingham; Bonnie Onyon, Blaine; John Carter, Lake Whatcom W&SD; Tom Jones, Nooksack; Carol Frazey, Whatcom County; NON-VOTING: Patrick Alesse, Birch Bay W&SD; Pete Stark, WTA

GUESTS Jori Burnett, City of Ferndale; Justin Clary, Lake Whatcom W&SD

STAFF Bob Wilson, Ron Cubellis, Hugh Conroy

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mutchler called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received.

C. AGENDA APPROVAL

**APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Mutchler asked if there were any objections to approving the consent agenda as presented, which included the minutes of the Council Board meeting of December 12, 2018; the proposed 2019 Fee Schedule for services rendered to non-members of WCOG; and a list of claims from December 1 through December 31, 2018, inclusive, in the amount of \$211,472.31, which was contained in the meeting packet sent to the representatives on January 9, 2019, and which was audited and certified by the Executive Director, acting as the Auditing Officer as required by RCW 42.24.090. No objections were made.

**APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

E. BUDGET REPORT

Mr. Cubellis presented the budget report as of December 31, 2018.

F. OLD BUSINESS

None

G. NEW BUSINESS

G.1 Public Utility District No. 1 Ex Officio Membership Request

**MOTION:** Ms. Linville moved, Mr. Korthuis seconded, to approve the request of Public Utility District No. 1 for ex-officio membership in WCOG.

**MOTION PASSED**

G.2 Appointment of Three Small Cities' Representatives to the Executive Committee

**MOTION:** Mr. Louws moved, Ms. Barker seconded, to appoint Mayor Bonnie Onyon of Blaine, Mayor Jon Mutchler of Ferndale and Mayor Scott Korthuis of Lynden to the 2019 Executive Committee.

**MOTION PASSED**

G.3 Election of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary-Treasurer

**MOTION:** Mr. Louws moved, Mr. Jones seconded, to appoint the following representatives – all of whom having agreed to serve – to the following offices: Jon Mutchler, Chairman; Scott Korthuis, Vice-Chairman; and Jack Louws, Secretary-Treasurer.

**MOTION PASSED**

G.4 Additions to List of Unfunded Transportation Needs of Whatcom County

Mr. Wilson explained that he had inadvertently deleted an e-mail sent to him in November from Mr. Louws containing projects requested by Whatcom County for inclusion on the 2019 list of unfunded transportation needs, and subsequently, they were not included on the list adopted by the Council Board in December. To correct that oversight, the Council Board was asked to consider adding the following projects to the list:

- Northwest Avenue/Smith Road Round-a-bout – \$5-million
- Birch Bay–Lynden Road/Blaine Road Round-a-bout – \$5-million
- Mosquito Lake Road/Hutchinson Creek Fish Passage – \$1.5-million

**MOTION:** Mr. Korthuis moved, Ms. Onyon seconded, to add the previously-listed projects to the list of “2019 Unfunded Transportation Needs of Whatcom County.”

**MOTION PASSED**

H. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Wilson reminded the representatives that he had sent out a call for projects to update the Whatcom County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, adding that he would be updating the body of the document this year with guidance and assistance from Team Whatcom.

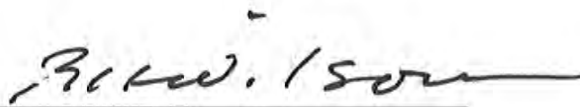
I. BOARD OPEN FORUM

Mr. Louws requested WCOG staff to develop an inventory of known fish-passage barriers in Whatcom County for use by all of the members.

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

  
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Jack Louws  
Secretary-Treasurer

  
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Robert H. Wilson, AICP  
Executive Director

Approved May 8, 2019