

MID-COLUMBIA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, December 17, 2013, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Board Room, 1113 Kelly Avenue, The Dalles, Oregon

2013 Board of Directors:

Gilliam County: *Mike Weimer, Steve Shaffer
Hood River County: *Maui Meyer, Les Perkins.
Sherman County: *Michael Smith, Cliff Jett, Tom McCoy
Wasco County: *Rod Runyon, Steve Kramer, Carolyn Wood
Wheeler County: *Chris Perry, Jack Lorts, Anne Mitchell
(*denotes Executive Committee Members)

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call and Introductions

Michael Smith called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm

Present: Michael Smith, Steve Shaffer, Chris Perry, Anne Mitchell, Mike Weimar, Maui Meyer, Carolyn Wood, Tom McCoy, Steve Kramer, Cliff Jett. (Rod Runyon and Les Perkins arrived after Roll Call).

Absent: Jack Lorts

Staff: John Arens, Executive Director; Sarah Braumbaugh, Fiscal Director; Dan Schwanz, Transportation Director; Brent Olson, Transportation Manager; Tine Meriwether, Executive Assistant.

Guests: Wayne Lease; Scott Hege; Rodger Nichols, Haystack Broadcasting; David Staenke, The Dalles Meals on Wheels.

Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of October 28, 2013 and November 26, 2013 minutes.

Chris Perry moved, seconded by Carolyn Wood, to approve the October 28, 2013 minutes.

AYES: Smith, Shaffer, Perry, Mitchell, Weimar, Meyer, Wood, McCoy, Kramer, Jett (10).

Maui Meyer moved, seconded by Cliff Jett, to approve the November 26, 2013 minutes.

AYES: Smith, Shaffer, Perry, Mitchell, Weimar, Meyer, Wood, McCoy, Kramer, Jett (10).

Rod Runyon entered the meeting at 1:05.

Open Agenda

(This time set aside for the public and board members to introduce subjects NOT on the agenda).

Les Perkins entered the meeting at 1:09 p.m.

Chair Smith stated there are changes coming to transportation funding through the Coordinated Care Organization (CCO) that will be affecting our area. He suggested a committee be formed to discuss funding changes.

Following discussion, the following volunteers will make up the committee: Tom McCoy or Chair Smith will participate from Sherman County, Steve Shaffer, Gilliam County; Karen Joplin, Hood River County; Anne Mitchell, Wheeler County; Steve Kramer, Wasco County.

Wayne Lease, presented a hand-out for each board member covering his professional background and issues he wished to raise with regards to the Mid-Columbia Building Codes program and the fee increases and the electrical specialty code.

Following Mr. Lease's comments, the Board went into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter.

Executive Session, ORS 192.660 (2) (h)

A. Legal

Tamara Jones, Attorney for City/County Insurance Services, was present via telephone for the Board discussion.

Following their discussion, the Board came out of Executive Session. No Board action was taken.

Reports/Communications

A. Presentation by Pivot Architecture regarding new Transit Center.

Dan Schwanz, Transportation Director, introduced two members of the Pivot Architecture team. They were present to provide an overview of the proposed building design and interior. A Power Point of the site, the building design, and interior spaces were reviewed.

B. Wayne Lease Presentation.

The Board discussed Mr. Lease's presentation made earlier. John Arens stated staff has spent several hours with Mr. Lease responding to his inquiries. Staff will provide Lease's hand-out to MCCOG legal counsel for review and how best to respond. John Arens can also further discuss Mr. Lease's concerns with the State Building Codes Division and see if they have any recommendations in responding. Arens stated he believed Mr. Lease's concern is about the separation of electrical funds from other building fees collected in the building codes program. MCCOG is in compliance with state statutes.

Action Items

A. Consideration of Resolution No. 12-23, Assets Surplus

Sarah Brumbaugh reviewed the resolution. This was tabled at the last Board meeting for corrections. The corrected resolution is before the board.

Following review of the resolution, Perkins moved, seconded by Wood to approve Resolution No. 12-23. The motion carried unanimously.

AYES: Smith, Shaffer, Perry, Mitchell, Weimar, Meyer, Wood, McCoy, Kramer, Jett, Runyon, Perkins (12).

B Consideration of Social Media Policy

Arens addressed the board regarding the policy. He stated the policy will help MCCOG get information out to the public about the types of services we offer.

McCoy moved, seconded by Perkins, to approve the social media policy. The motion carried unanimously.

AYES: Smith, Shaffer, Perry, Mitchell, Weimar, Meyer, Wood, McCoy, Kramer, Jett, Runyon, Perkins (12).

C Consideration of 2014 Board of Directors Meeting Calendar

Meetings will be held monthly on the 4th Tuesday of each month, except for the months of September and December as shown on the calendar. The months of March and May will include budget committee meetings in addition to the regular board meetings.

Chair Smith noted that Steve Kramer will come off the board and Scott Hege will take his place in representing Wasco County.


D. Budget Calendar.

Brumbaugh reviewed the budget calendar and budget committee members. She stated Bill Lennox and Ted Molinari need to be either reappointed or replaced as their terms ended June 30, 2013. She believes they are both willing to serve. In addition there is a vacancy in the lay member position for Hood River County.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the MCCOG Board of Directors the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:



Tine Meriwether, Executive Assistant

ATTEST:



Michael Smith, Board Chair