

MID-COLUMBIA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
Tuesday, March 27, 2012 1:00 p.m.
1113 Kelly Avenue, The Dalles, OR 97058

ORIGINAL

2011 Board of Directors:

Gilliam County: *Pat Shaw, Jeff Bufton, Mike Weimer.
Hood River County: *Maui Meyer, Les Perkins, Lance Masters.
Sherman County: *Cliff Jett, Steve Burnet, Michael Smith.
Wasco County: *Sherry Holliday, Brian Ahier, Rod Runyon.
Wheeler County: *Jeanne Burch, Jack Lorts, Patrick "Chris" Perry.
(*denotes Executive Committee Members)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Cliff Jett, called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Roll call of Board members and introductions of guests. A quorum was present.

PRESENT: Cliff Jett, Michael Smith, Steve Burnet, Brian Ahier, Rod Runyon, Sherry Holliday. Pat Shaw and Chris Perry present via telephone conference call. Commissioner Karen Joplin, was present representing Maui Meyer for Hood River County.

ABSENT: Jeff Bufton.

EXCUSED: Les Perkins, Maui Meyer, Jack Lorts, Jeanne Burch, Mike Weimer.

STAFF: John Arens (Executive Director), Sarah Brumbaugh (Finance Director), Bill Fashing, (Community Development Director), Bill Larson (AAA Director), Marti Kantola (CMS Director) and Tine Meriwether (Executive Assistant).

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Pat Shaw moved, seconded by Michael Smith, to approve the February 28, 2012 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

III. OPEN AGENDA

There was nothing new added to the agenda.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. Appointment to Fill Vice Chair Vacancy on Executive Committee.

Brian Ahier moved, seconded by Cliff Jett, to nominate Pat Shaw as Vice Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Appointment of Tammie Oakes and Virginia Willis to serve on the Senior Advisory Council (SAC).

Sherry Holliday moved, seconded by Cliff Jett, to accept the appointments of Tammie Oakes and Virginia Willis. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Consideration of Resolution No. 11-08, Establishing a Funding Formula for Senior Meals Program.

John Arens, Executive Director, addressed the Board regarding AAA's budget. Sarah Brumbaugh worked on the budget with the SAC over a period of three meetings to bring it forward to the Budget Committee for approval. \$20,000 has been added to the meals program. The next steps are to come up with a funding formula that would be equitable to all five counties and then move forward with the Request for Proposals (RFP) process for new meals contracts for FY 2012-13.

Bill Larson, AAA Director, reviewed the proposed funding formula as provided in the Board packets (Attachment A of Resolution No. 11-08) and how it would be distributed to all the meal sites.

Following Larson's presentation, Jett questioned if the SAC has seen the formula yet. Larson said they had not but they did approve the budget. Ahier stated he thought it was a good start and fair and equitable. Holliday stated she was not convinced the smaller sites would be able to spend their allocated dollars. Larson stated year end will show what the actual numbers served will be. Staff is recommending that we try the proposed formula for one year to see how it works.

A discussion ensued regarding the methodology, i.e. allocation vs. reimbursement. Arens stated a need to make a decision on the allocation methodology – asking for Board input/consensus. The issue of how many meals were served per week was discussed. Larson stated that AAA is only required to have one meal site per county. There is not a requirement for a specific number of meals served per site. Chris Perry stated it made more sense to him that the smaller meal sites receive a 12 month allocation. He favored the allocation method as each site would then know what they were going to receive each month.

A discussion ensued regarding the merits of either model. Ahier and Jett spoke in favor of the reimbursement model. Jett stated he thought the reimbursement model would make it easier to determine if dollars need to be re-allocated to those meal sites needing more. Pat Shaw stated she felt the meal sites could budget better if they knew what they have to spend. It is understood that the dollars allocated to the meal sites will never be enough to cover their costs. It is meant to help supplement their programs.

Following discussion, Ahier moved, seconded by Jett, to approve Resolution No. 11-08 establishing a funding formula for the senior meals program. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Smith suggested the allocation methodology be referred back to the SAC and see what their comments are. Arens stated the reason the resolution and the allocation question was brought forward today was because staff is running out of time to get the RFP drafted for legal review and then submitted to the SAC at their meeting on the 9th. Staff is under a deadline to get it advertised and contracts in place by July 1.

Following discussion, Jett moved, seconded by Holliday, to utilize the reimbursement model. The motion passed – Chris Perry voted nay.

V. REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS

A. Wendy Buck, PGE – Cascade Crossing Update.

Ms. Buck introduced her staff with her today and then presented her report as provided in the hand-out to the Board.

B. Bill Larson, AAA Director.

Larson reviewed AAA Program to date and discussed staffing. He stated he is taking over the management of OPI. A volunteer recruitment is being conducted to assist with the various programs.

The Area Plan development is underway. Town Halls are being conducted in all five counties for citizen input.

C. Bill Fashing, Community Development Director.

A grant has been submitted to US Dept. of Labor for \$9 million dollars for the development of a workforce training center to start a pre-apprenticeship construction, trades program. The grant applicant is the Oregon Consortium and Workforce Alliance with MCCOG the lead in the implementation process. The Flex Funds grant in the amount of \$850K for the Transit Center in The Dalles, looks good. Another grant application, Connect IV through ODOT, for \$2.5 million would complete the project.

D. Director's Report.

Arens discussed the potential elimination of the Oregon Medical Assistance Program that we administer through the Transportation Network. The state is looking at eliminating the current call center model and establishing a new model. It would be a substantial decrease to the area transportation providers.

Arens discussed the StRUT program is looking for options to keep the program alive. He stated he will be meeting with the director of the program and will report back to the Board with additional information later.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION, ORS 192.660 (2) (e) (g) and (i)

A. Real Property.

Arens discussed proposed property purchase for the new Transportation Center. No commitments have been made at this time.

B. Contract Negotiations

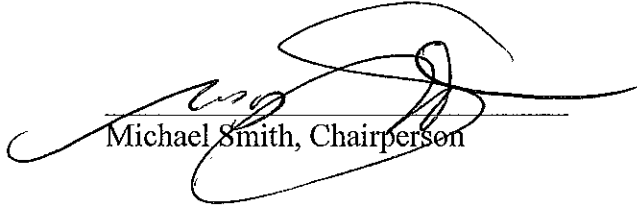
Arens discussed a grant application for the proposed Training Center and Memorandum of Understanding with Kaplan.

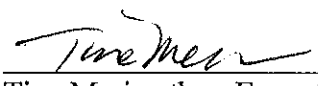
VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3 p.m.

ATTEST:

Respectfully Submitted by:


Michael Smith, Chairperson


Tine Meriwether, Executive Assistant