

ORIGINAL

MID-COLUMBIA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, April 16, 2013 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 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 10:35 a.m.

Present: Mike Weimer, Steve Shaffer, Cliff Jeff, Michael Smith, Tom McCoy, Rod Runyon, Steve Kramer, Anne Mitchell, and Chris Perry.

Absent: Maui Meyer, Les Perkins, Ed Weathers, Carolyn Wood and Jack Lorts.

Staff: John Arens, Executive Director; Sarah Braumbaugh, Fiscal Director; Holli Francis, WIA Director; Marti Kantola-Dane, Mediation Director; Bob Futter, Building Official; and Tine Meriwether, Executive Assistant.

Guests: David Staehnke, The Dalles Meals-On-Wheels

B. Approval Minutes

1. February 26, 2013 Meeting Minutes

The February minutes were reviewed. Following the review, Chris Perry moved, seconded by Cliff Jett, to approve the February 26, 2013 minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

2. March 26, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Jett moved, seconded by Steve Shaffer, to approve the March 26, 2013 minutes as presented.

II. ACTION ITEMS

A. Set Public Hearing Date for Building Codes Fee Structure Increase.

Bob Futter, Building Official, discussed the need to increase fees by 40% as outlined in his memo provided to the Board. Staff is requesting the Board set a public hearing date of June 18, 2013 from 3 to 5 p.m. to receive public comments about the proposed increases.

Mike Weimer moved, seconded by Tom McCoy, to set June 18, 2013, 3pm to 5pm as the date and time of the public hearing.

John Arens discussed the revenue decline in the Building Code program. It is in part due to a poor economy but also because of the decline in large windmill projects which have subsidized the program for a number of years. The proposed fee increases will help keep the program sustainable through fee for service instead of drawing funds from Building Codes' reserves.

Following discussion, the question was called and the motion to set the public hearing date to June 18th passed unanimously.

B. Resolution No. 12-14, Repealing Resolution No. 12-12, Interfund Loan from Building Codes.

Arens stated that after having had conversations with board members, staff is seeking direction from the Board regarding the interfund loan from Building Codes to AAA; whether to proceed or rescind the loan. Rod Runyon suggested that Resolution No 12-12 be withdrawn. Marvin Pohl, AAA Director, stated he could get "the job done" without the added funding at this time.

Following discussion, Kramer moved, seconded by Steve Shaffer, to approve Resolution No. 12-14, repealing Resolution No. 12-12 Interfund Loan from Building Codes Services. The motion carried unanimously. Resolution No. 12-14 was passed.

III. REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS

A. AAA Proposed Community Research Project.

Pohl addressed the Board regarding the project in partnership with Portland State University. The project consists of collecting data about seniors in our five counties; in particular our frontier communities. The data will help the State understand what the current needs are of seniors in rural areas and promote action on their part to make necessary changes to a 50 year old funding formula. The projected outcome is to increase MCCOG's revenue stream. Pohl stated work on the project will begin this summer. The first portion will be a quantitative piece followed by a survey. The project will take approximately 12 months to complete.

B. Senior Advisory Committee (SAC) Standing Report.

Pohl spoke about recent SAC business, new committee members, the SAC's role as an advisory committee to the Board of Directors, and what constitutes conflicts of interest. He reported the nutrition program is going well as are relationships with nutrition providers.

C. Students Recycling Used Technology (StRUT) Program Review.

John Arens reported on the roots of the program to present day. MCCOG took the program over from the Dufur School District about 9 months ago and since that time about 250 [2,800] pounds of material have been donated. Revenue is generated from recycling computer components. StRUT is currently undergoing changes with new staff and program policies such as a computer tracking system that has

not been in place before. New member contracts will be in place July 1, 2013. There are still some large donors yet to be tapped; State of Oregon for example. Despite the fact that PC's and monitors are going away, Arens stated he believed there is still a good market for a number of years. Staff is monitoring the progress of the program on a quarterly basis.

Anne Mitchell requested to receive a copy of potential vendors/donors that the Board can contact.

Smith reported Gilliam, Sherman and Wheeler counties all have clean-up days which could benefit the StRUT program. Staff should contact each county for more information.

D. Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Director's Report.

Holli Francis, WIA Director, handed out a proposal for an Alternative Education program. She stated Wahtonka High School Vice Principal, Kurt Evans, contacted MCCOG about providing an alternative education program. Francis stated the high school is closing their program due to funding. Currently many youth are not being served. She stated the program fits in with what MCCOG has been proposing with a pre-apprentice program. She has submitted an application as a place holder with the Department of Education but needs the Board's approval to move forward. The concept is to offer alternative education classes using the applied learning concept. Classes would take place at the StRUT facility.

It was noted the current high school ~~drop-out~~ [graduation] rate for Wasco County is at 59%. While the MCCOG program may not help to reduce that rate, it may lead former students to seek their GED. And the program will help them with their self-confidence by gaining skills training for jobs.


Board consensus was for MCCOG to move forward on the Alternative Education project

In other news, Francis discussed MCCOG's lack of client services to frontier communities following the closure of our Fossil office. She is working on correcting that through trained senior volunteers who will assist clients in jobs search, I-Match, interview skills, etc. She is seeking contacts from Sherman, Gilliam and Wheeler counties to help her in securing locations for services to take place. Several locations were suggested such as the Rufus Community Center, Moro Public Library and Sherman County Senior Community Center and City of Wasco Library. Francis' goal is to get the project off the ground by summer.

III. ADJOURN

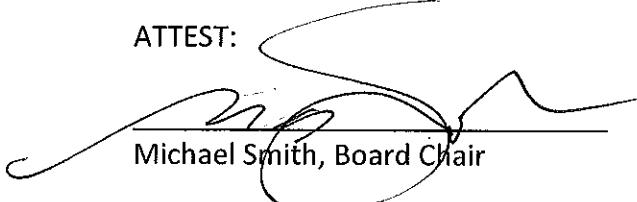
There being no further business to come before the MCCOG Board of Directors, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Tine Meriwether, Executive Assistant

ATTEST:



Michael Smith, Board Chair