

**MID-COLUMBIA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Tuesday, May 22, 2012, 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Location: The Discovery Center, 5000 Discovery Drive, The Dalles, OR

ATTENDANCE:

COMMITTEE: Les Perkins, Maui Meyer, Mike Weimar, Pat Shaw, Cliff Jett, Michael Smith, Steve Burnet, Brian Ahier, Rod Runyon, Sherry Holliday, Jack Lorts, Jeanne Burch and Chris Perry.

ABSENT: Jeff Bufton.

GUESTS: Louise Sargent, Senior Advisory Council Chair, and Will Carey, MCCOG Attorney.

STAFF: John Arens (Executive Director); Sarah Brumbaugh (Finance Director); Bill Fashing, Community Development Director; and Tine Meriwether (Executive Assistant).

VISITORS: None.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Michael Smith called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m. As all Board members had not yet arrived, the Board skipped to Reports/Communications to hear a report from Bill Fashing, Community Development Director.

II. REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS

A. Community Renewables
Bill Fashing, Community Development Director,

Fashing reported that property staff had previously identified and discussed in earlier meetings with the Board, was not moving forward so a new property has been chosen that could have a 10 megawatt project. Staff will be meeting with the property owner to discuss possibilities.

Fashing discussed a recent small wind site assessment training he had attended. He reported the training provided better understanding of siting small turbines for counties.

III. ROLL CALL

Chair Smith called for Roll Call at 2:43 p.m. A quorum was present.

A. Approval of March 27, 2012 Minutes
The meeting minutes were not available for approval.

IV. OPEN AGENDA

Sherry Holliday reported that the Maupin River Fest is on Saturday.

V. PUBLIC HEARING – BUDGET DOCUMENT

A. Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Budget Document and Adoption of Resolution No. 11-11, Cost Allocation Plan and Operating Budget Document for FY 2012-2013.

Michael Smith opened the public hearing.

Sarah Brumbaugh, Fiscal Director, presented Resolution No. 11-11. The resolution adopts the budget the Budget Committee approved at their March meeting. Brumbaugh summarized the budget highlights including the move of Building Codes to Kelly Street; a 2% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) proposed for staff; an increase in the medical health care cost – the Health Committee is reviewing options for health care and will come back to the Board with a proposal for consideration. The cap can be approved now and then adjusted by the Board later based on the proposal of the committee.

Chair Smith called for any public comments or questions. Hearing none, he closed the public hearing.

Maui Meyer moved, seconded by Cliff Jett, to approve Resolution No. 11-11 as presented. The motion passed unanimously. The FY 2012-2013 Budget is adopted as presented.

VI. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Resolution No. 11-09, Closing Non-Operational Bank Accounts.

Brumbaugh explained there are accounts currently not needed within the WIA and AAA departments. Closing these accounts and transferring remaining funds to the General Fund simplifies accounting practices and saves staff time. Brumbaugh pointed out that internally, she still keeps the funds separate.

Pat Shaw moved, seconded by Brian Ahier, to approve Resolution No. 11-09 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Resolution No. 11-10, Asset Surplus.

Staff requests approval to surplus MCCOG property as listed in the resolution.

Meyer moved, seconded by Jett, to adopt Resolution No. 11-10 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Resolution No. 11-12, Recycling Used Technology Program.

John Arens, Executive Director, addressed the Board regarding the closure of the StRUT program housed with the Columbia Gorge Education Service District. He handed out a budget that would restructure the program. This is a good opportunity for MCCOG to move into applied learning. And, it is a huge benefit for schools to receive refurbished computers.

The Program would continue to stay at the Petersberg School.

The Board discussed the program. Pat Shaw questioned how Gilliam and Wheeler counties could benefit from the program. Arens stated that counties who become members of the

program can receive refurbished pc's and have a way to dispose of old ones. He further discussed how the program works.

Jett moved, seconded by Les Perkins, to adopt Resolution No. 11-12 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Resolution No. 11-13, Health Benefits Cost Cap.

Brumbaugh presented the resolution. She stated the current health cap \$600. Staff is requesting the cap be increased up to \$700 to cover the cost of increased health care premiums until the Health Committee has reviewed alternatives. The Committee will come back to the Board by January 1st with a plan that addresses long-term solutions and sustainability to MCCOG's medical plan. The Committee will be advised to try and keep the cap below \$700 and closer to \$600.

Ahier moved, seconded by Steve Burnet, to adopt Resolution No. 11-13.

Discussion - The Board discussed if the cap should be set lower or amend the resolution by only allowing the increased cap until January 1st which gives the Health Committee ample time to review options and come back to the Board with a recommendation for a long-term sustainable plan.

Following discussion, the resolution was adopted as amended by allowing the \$700 cap only until January 1, 2013.

The question was called and the motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Les Perkins, Maui Meyer, Mike Weimar, Pat Shaw, Michael Smith, Steve Burnet, Brian Ahier, Rod Runyon, Sherry Holliday, Jack Lorts, Jeanne Burch and Chris Perry.
NAYES: Cliff Jett

E. Resolution No. 11-14 SAC Recommendation on Meal Site Funding Formula.

Louise Sargent, SAC Chair, stated the SAC had formed a subcommittee to review funding formula options that would establish equitable distribution of funds to all meal sites. The subcommittee recommended to SAC that the formula (as presented in Attachment A) be approved and forward to the SAC. SAC considered the proposed formula and recommended it be referred to the Board for adoption. Sherry Holliday stated the subcommittee was comprised of one representative from each of the five counties.

Following discussion, Shaw moved, seconded by Chris Perry, to adopt Resolution No. 11-14 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

F. Consider SAC Recommendation to Provide Funding for Two New Meal Sites in Hood River and Fossil.

Sargent stated SAC is recommending the addition of two new sites – one in Fossil and one in Hood River. SAC understands in doing so, the other meal sites would see a reduction in their funding. A Request for Proposal process should be undertaken. The RFP process was discussed. The Board needs to decide on this process.

Following discussion, Holliday moved, seconded by Shaw, to approve the addition of two new meals sites. The motion carried unanimously.

G. Appointments to the Mediation Advisory Committee.

Arens stated Six Rivers Mediation needs, by state statute, to have an Advisory Committee. Staff has recruited the individuals as listed in the attached memo from Marti Kantola, Mediation Director. The list was corrected to note that Bill Lennox is retired from law enforcement and county government in Wasco County.

The issue of having a married couple or husband and wife serving on the same committee was discussed. Will Carey, MCCOG Attorney, said while there is no ethical or legal problem with it there could be a public perception of a problem. The Board discussed removing Scott Hege from the proposed list of candidates, which removes any perception of a problem and also provides for an uneven number of members.

Following discussion, Holliday moved, seconded by Ahier, to remove Scott Hege from the slate of Advisory Committee members and appoint the remaining five members of Teunis Wyers, Bill Lennox, Betsy Hege, Jensie Bryan, and Gary Casady. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION, ORS 192.660 (2) (e)

A. Real Property Transaction

Meyer moved, seconded by Burnet, to go into Executive Session as authorized by ORS.192.660 (2) (e). The Board discussed a recent grant received by Transportation Network to use in part for procurement of property for a new Transportation Center and the future expansion of the MCCOG facilities.

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

VII. ADJOURN

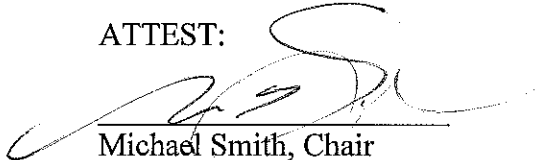
There being no further business to come before the MCCOG Board of Directors, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Tine Meriwether
Executive Assistant

ATTEST:



Michael Smith, Chair