

MID-COLUMBIA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 27, 2017

1:15 p.m.

Board Room, 1113 Kelly Avenue, The Dalles, Oregon

2017 Board of Directors:

Gilliam County: *Michael Weimer
Hood River County: *Bob Benton, Paul Blackburn
Sherman County: *Tom McCoy
Wasco County: *Steve Kramer, Steve Lawrence
Wheeler County: *Lynn Morley, Debbie Starkey
(*denotes Executive Committee Members)

I. Call to Order

A. Introductions

Steve Kramer calls the meeting to order and asks for introductions.

Present: Bob Benton, Paul Blackburn, Steve Kramer, Steve Lawrence, Tom McCoy, Lynn Morley, Michael Weimar.

Absent: Debbie Starkey.

Staff: David Meriwether, Interim Executive Director; Cecilia Lamas-Guiney, Executive Assistant; Sarah Brumbaugh, Finance Director; Stephanie Ziegler, MCBCS Director; Brent Olson, Transportation Operations Director; Sandra Gettman, Program Coordinator; Wanda Schreier, Program Assistant; Brittany Willson, Program Coordinator; Jacob Dunaway, Solutions IT.

Guests: Jessica Fitzpatrick, East Cascades Workforce Investment Board; Rodger Nichols, Gorge Country Media; Neita Cecil, The Dalles Chronicle; Lisa Viles, Aging and People with Disabilities (APD); Colleen Tenold-Sauter, APD; Tyler Stone, Wasco County; Scott McKay, Mid-Columbia Senior Center; David Staehnke, The Dalles MOW; Sue Arguelles, Citizen.

B. Approval of Minutes

Paul Blackburn motions, seconded by Michael Weimar, to approve the May 23, 2017 minutes. The motion carries with the following vote:

AYES: Benton, Blackburn, Kramer, Lawrence, McCoy, Morley, Weimar (7)

NAYS: None (0)

II. Open Agenda

Steve Kramer calls for additional items; none heard.

III. Reports/Communications

A. Department Activity Reports (Written only, no verbal reports this meeting)

IV. Discussion Items/Action

A. Resolution 17-06, FY 2017-18 Budget

Sarah Brumbaugh provides overview of Adopted Budget presented for approval. David Meriwether adds there has been a recent change in leadership of the Transportation Program; Rich Eberle submitted resignation. Eberle will work for an additional month to complete a few projects. Shares that Brent Olson will serve as Interim Transportation Director and Crystal Davis-Ross will be Interim Brokerage Supervisor. Steve Kramer asks for questions; no questions or comments heard. Bob Benton moves to adopt Resolution 17-06, FY 2017-18 Budget. Lynn Morley seconds the motion, which carries with the following vote:

AYES: Benton, Blackburn, Kramer, Lawrence, McCoy, Morley, Weimar (7)

NAYS: None (0)

B. Assessment Report

David Meriwether provides report and PowerPoint review of his assessment of MCCOG. States the impressions and opinions expressed here are his alone. Is hopeful the Board can take this information, return in August, and make some decisions. Adds there are some corrections to the information provided:

1. Included The Dalles as the only city paying membership dues. This is incorrect, as the four cities in Wasco all pay dues.
2. Listed MCCOG as the only COG running a Workforce program. This is not accurate, as Central Oregon retains a Workforce program.
3. Listed MCCOG as the only COG handling NEMT. This is incorrect as there are a couple of other COGs that operate NEMT.

Notes that all of this information is in the written report. After the report review, Steve Kramer mentions that Meriwether will be out of the office over the next few weeks, so any questions regarding the report may be forwarded to Lia, Executive Assistant, in the meantime. Board briefly discusses report and reaches a consensus to meet again August 8th.


V. Board Member Call

Steve Kramer calls for other business; none heard.

VI. Adjourn

There being no further business to address, the meeting adjourns.

Respectfully submitted by:


Cecilia Lamas-Guiney, Executive Assistant

ATTEST:


MCCOG Board Chair