

EXECUTIVE BOARD  
MINUTES  
JUNE 10, 2009

ATTENDANCE

BOARD MEMBERS: Jack Louws, Bob Bromley, Gary Jensen, Pete Kremen, Louise Bjornson, Sam Crawford

GUESTS: Jim Evangelista

STAFF: Jim Miller, Gordon Rogers, Ron Cubellis, Leslye O'Shaughnessy

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:36 p.m.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

None received.

C. MINUTES

**MOTION:** Crawford moved, Kremen seconded, to approve the minutes from April 8, 2009.  
**MOTION PASSED**

D. BUDGET/CLAIMS

D.1 Budget Report

The April 2009 balance summary was included in the packet and the May 2009 balance summary was distributed at the meeting. The April and May 2009 claims listings were included in the packet. Miller reviewed the summaries and claims listings.

D.2 Claim Voucher Listing

Vouchers audited and certified by the Auditing Officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing which has been made available to the Council.

As of this date, June 10, 2009, the Council approves for payment those vouchers included in the above list and further described as follows: voucher numbers 20099127 through 2009206 in the total amount of \$248,366.94.

**MOTION:** Crawford moved, Jensen seconded, to retroactively approve vouchers 2009127 - 2009206, for April and May 2009 in the amount of \$248,366.94.

**MOTION PASSED**

E. OLD BUSINESS

E.1 September Full Council Meeting Date Change

The September Full Council is currently scheduled for September 23, 2009, and staff has a meeting in Washington DC during that time period and would like to change the date of the meeting to September 16, 2009.

**MOTION:** Kremen moved, Crawford seconded, to approve changing the September Full Council meeting from the 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup>.

**MOTION PASSED**

F. NEW BUSINESS

F.1 Agreements Approval

Cubellis reviewed the agreements for signature. The agreements are as follows:

Whatcom Smart Trips - funding agreement with Whatcom County.

Whatcom Smart Trips - Funding agreement with WSDOT for the Commute Trip Reduction program.

Whatcom Smart Trips - Funding agreement with WSDOT for the Smart Trips program.

Whatcom Smart Trips - funding agreement with WSDOT Consolidated Competitive Program grant for Smart Trips Program.

**MOTION:** Crawford moved, Kremen seconded, to approve the Executive Director signing the agreements as presented.

**MOTION PASSED**

G. REPORTS

G.1 Stimulus (ARRA) Projects

Staff is still working on the funding issue with the Grover Street project in Lynden. Miller has meetings scheduled with Congressman Rick Larsen and Senator Murray's staff next week in DC and will be bringing up the issue with them.

At the beginning of the ARRA process WSDOT stated that if an MPO lost a portion of funding by a project dropping off they would try to keep the money within the MPO and they were going to do that through the second tier project list. Initially on the list there were 7 statewide projects, including Bellingham's. Two more projects (one from Jefferson County and one from Wahkiakum County) have been added and both were funded. Whatcom and Skagit Counties have lost 22% of their funding. The State's panel ranked Bellingham's project 8<sup>th</sup> out the list of 9. The funds that were taken back from Lynden will not be coming back to Whatcom County. Miller asked for minutes or copies of the project scoring sheets from the State's panel and was told there are none. The larger MPO (PSRC) will be able to reapportion funds within their own area if funds are dropped from projects in their areas.

A letter will be written to the Governor about this issue and asking for a meeting with Miller and Louws.

#### G.2 Transportation Bill Reauthorization

The House has stated that they will have their version out by July 4<sup>th</sup>, the rest of congress is saying not until August. Congressman Oberstar is saying if it's not passed by August he will not reauthorize a continuing resolution. This may mean that federal funding for transportation may be held up. The Senate is saying it will not be ready for at least a year.

#### G.3 Glacier Water District

Mr. Evangelista, Glacier Water District, was directed by Representative Ericksen to come to the WCOG meeting to discuss a receive suggestions on a District funding issue.

Glacier has two creeks that run through town with bridges crossing them. WSDOT is going to replace bridges on Gallop Creek and on Glacier Creek. Glacier Water District has pipes that cross these creeks and are attached to the current bridges. Their franchise states that the water district is responsible for moving their pipes temporarily and then moving them back to the permanent location. The District's engineer has stated the costs for one is more than the District's yearly revenue.

Board members had several suggestions for Mr. Evangelista.

#### H. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

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Jack Louws  
Chair

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James G. Miller  
Executive Director

