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FULL COUNCIL
MINUTES
January 27, 2010

ATTENDANCE

BOARD MEMBERS: Bob Bromley, Andy Rowlson, Gary Jensen, Tom Jones, Dan Pike, Sam Crawford, Bill Knutzen, Pat Alesse, Bonnie Onyon, Scott Korthuis, Jack Weiss, Barb Audley, Pete Kremen, Tom Hadd

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

A. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Bromley called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m. and introductions were made. Some items were taken out of order so that all board members could be present for elections.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

None received.

D. MINUTES

MOTION: Crawford moved, Jensen seconded, to approve the minutes from December 16, 2009.

MOTION PASSED

E. BUDGET/CLAIMS

E.1 Budget Report

Miller reviewed the budget report for December 2009 and the claims listing for December 2009.

E.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, January 27, 2010, the Council approves for payment those vouchers included in the above list and further described as follows: voucher numbers 2009450 through 2009495 in the total amount of \$127,652.32.

MOTION: Crawford moved, Hadd seconded, to retroactively approve vouchers 2009450 - 2009495 in the amount of \$127,652.32 for December 2009.

MOTION PASSED

C. ELECTIONS

C.1 Small Cities Elections to Executive Board

NOMINATIONS:

Crawford nominated Sumas, Ferndale, and Everson as the small city representatives to the Executive Board.

MOTION: Kremen moved, Pike seconded, to close the nominations.

MOTION PASSED NOMINATIONS CLOSED

NOMINATIONS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

C.2 Board Officers

NOMINATIONS: Crawford nominated Bromley as Chair, Alesse nominated Pike as Chair.

MOTION: Crawford moved, Rowlson seconded, to close the nominations.

MOTION PASSED NOMINATIONS CLOSED

By a show of hands Pike received 5 votes and Bromley received 7 votes, Kremen abstained.

NOMINATION OF BROMLEY PASSED

NOMINATIONS: Hadd nominated Pike as Vice-Chair.

MOTION: Crawford moved, Korthuis seconded, to close the nominations.

MOTION PASSED NOMINATIONS CLOSED

NOMINATIONS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

NOMINATIONS: Pike nominated Crawford as Secretary/Treasurer.

MOTION: Korthuis moved, Onyon seconded, to close the nominations.

MOTION PASSED NOMINATIONS CLOSED

NOMINATIONS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

F. NEW BUSINESS

F.1 2010 Non-Member Fee Schedule

Each year the board adopts a non-member fee schedule. The fee schedule outlines what is charged to non-Full Council Members for photocopies and for staff time.

MOTION: Crawford moved, Jones seconded, to approve WCOG charging non-Full Council members \$84.00 per hour for staff time and \$0.15 per photocopied page.

MOTION PASSED

F.2 Washington Intergovernmental Review Process

O'Shaughnessy reviewed the intergovernmental review process that the Executive Board approved on a trial basis in April 2009 and asked that the Board approve making the process permanent.

MOTION: Crawford moved, Rowlson seconded, to approve adopting as part of the WIRP process that a Board Officer signs the letters certifying that a WIRP has completed the intergovernmental review process with a report then given at the next available WCOG meeting.

MOTION PASSED

O'Shaughnessy reviewed the following WIRP that completed the process in December 2009:

WIRP #74-09-12-01, Additional Loan Capital, Seattle Economic Development Association (SEDA)

2 - Project is consistent with policies, plans or programs of the agency

1 - No comment

G. OLD BUSINESS

None Reported.

H. REPORTS

Miller reported that it looks like the transportation stimulus bill is the only one that will survive in DC. With the previous funding Whatcom County received less than \$1 million of the State's 70 percent in projects here. Based on population and road miles Whatcom County should have received between \$12-15 million. The reason given for not selecting projects in Whatcom County was there were no "shovel ready" projects.

WSDOT has come up with their list for the second round of ARRA funding. Whatcom County projects on the list include improvements on I-5 from the county line to Nulle Road. The Mt. Baker regional office submitted a list of several "shovel ready" projects and none of them survived the list. Staff is working with the WCOG legislative specialist to enlist help from our legislators regarding this issue with WSDOT.

The Federal border money has \$8-12 million scheduled for Whatcom County projects.

I. INFORMATION

I.1 2010 Meeting Schedule

The 2010 Board Meeting Schedule was included in the packet.

Kremen asked if there was any way to cut back on the number of meetings that are held each year. Staff will look at combining some meeting dates.

I.2 Board Member Roster

The 2010 Board Member Roster was included in the packet. An updated roster with board officers will be sent to board members next week.

I.3 Board Retreat


The board retreat will be scheduled in early spring.

J. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.



Robert Bromley
Chair



James G. Miller
Executive Director