

## **Okanogan County of Governments (OCOG) Regular Meeting – Monday, January 8, 2018**

Present:           Soo Ing-Moody, Twisp Mayor  
                  Andy Hover, County Commissioner  
                  Jon Neal, Oroville Mayor  
                  Dennis Brown, Tonasket Mayor  
                  Carlene Anders, Pateros Mayor  
                  Jon Culp, Okanogan Mayor  
                  Jimmer Tillman, PW Director, Elmer City  
                  Deanne Konsack, OCTN Operations Manager  
                  Melanie Carroll, OCTA Clerk of the Board  
                  Kelly Scalf, OCTA General Manager  
                  Danyell Bellinger, OCTA Administrative Support  
                  Nick Manzano, WSDOT Planning Supervisor  
                  Greg Wright, WSDOT Community Liaison-Intercity  
                  Wayne Turner, Okanogan City Council  
                  Sam Martin, Conconully Mayor  
                  Cindy Gagne, Omak Mayor  
                  Barry Freel, Omak Council Member  
                  Kurt Danison, Highlands Associates Planner  
                  Kirk Holmes, Perteet, Inc. Director  
                  Jennifer Saugen, Perteet, Inc. Project Manager  
                  Jill Gardinier, Traffic Manager/Promotions, North Cascades Broadcasting

### **Call to Order**

OCOG Chair Soo Ing-Moody called the meeting to order at 5:01pm.

### **Welcome/Introductions**

Those in attendance were asked to introduce themselves and state their agency / jurisdiction.

### **Approval of the Agenda**

Additions/Deletions: Andy Hover stated that he had an addition to the agenda. He would like to add a discussion on an opening with the Board of Health for a Representative from Cities & Towns.

### **Approval of the Minutes**

Carlene Anders moved to approve the minutes from 11/13/2017. Seconded by Jimmer Tillman. All were in favor and the motion passed.

### **Discussion/Action: Approval of OCOG Members.**

Soo stated that it had been previously discussed that all members were to take suggested resolutions/agreements back to their respective councils and let the secretary know if there were any

changes requested. She explained that these agreements were now needing to be changed to add required RTPO language.

She shared that Andy had called her regarding concern on some of the wording in the agreement. She explained that there are a few places that mention OCOG acting as an MPO to develop the RTPO Planning Process. Soo stated that we do not have any members large enough in Okanogan County that qualifies as an MPO. Andy believes that the MPO reference should be removed for more clarity and in case OCOG is called out on something in regards to being an MPO. As this is language provided by WSDOT, Soo explained that after talking to WSDOT, she was assured that OCOG would not be held to any requirements of an MPO as OCOG does not qualify to have one. However, she has no problem with the removal if desired by the Council. Kurt Danison asked Nick Manzano his thoughts on the issue. Nick stated that in Okanogan County we do not meet the minimum thresholds to qualify as an MPO and would not be held to it. After discussion, it was decided that OCOG should not be burdened with any misinterpretations and the wording should be cleaned up. All OCOG members agreed that they can take the Interlocal Agreement back to their councils if changed.

Andy introduced another area possibly needing amendment and referred to page 5 of the Interlocal Agreement, under "5. Termination". It states "In addition, an individual party may withdraw from participation in this Agreement upon giving 90 days written notice to the Council; provided, that upon termination or withdrawal, any assessment or dues levied or owed against such party shall be required to be paid in full. This requirement to pay assessments or dues levied or owing requires that a withdrawing party shall be required to pay all assessments or dues levied during the period of time with the withdrawing party was a party to the Agreement and through the first December 31 which occurs following the 90 day written notice of the withdrawing party." This portion, he explained, is a little unclear. Andy believes that this is a Scott DeTro question. Soo agreed that this section is very misleading and suggested we strike the "through December 31<sup>st</sup>" portion and keep the remaining termination clause intact. Andy suggests that any payments could be pro-rated. Soo suggested Scott review this section and amend it.

Soo referenced the third paragraph on page 4, under "Jurisdictional and Transportation Planning Area Defined". It states "Formation of the Council is hereby declared to be a public purpose, and any municipal corporation that is a party may contribute to the expenses of such Council pursuant to the budgetary laws of the municipal corporation and such Bylaws as may be adopted by the Council. In addition, service and facilities may be provided by a municipal corporation in lieu of assessment". This paragraph only addresses municipalities rather than everyone that is in OCOG. She explained that it does not make note that we have non-municipal representation on this council. Andy asked what "contributing to expenses" means and asked if there are any non-public entities as OCOG members. Okanogan County Transportation and Nutrition (OCTN) stated that they are such an organization. Andy asked if there is any stipulation against OCTN contributing. Soo stated there is not. It was decided that nothing needed to be changed in this section.

Soo referred to page 5 under "Duration". She stated that it lists under membership, people that are associated with, or eligible to be an RTPO. Kelly explained that the state minimum requirement of 65% of City and County representation in order to constitute an RTPO. Jimmer asked that language "participating members" be added. Andy would like to be clear on the exact percentage and statute be referenced in the agreement.

Soo asked for a motion for Kelly to send the revisions to Scott so he can begin work on them and have them brought back in time for the next meeting. Soo stated that as of now to get the funding we need



to take the first step of becoming compliant as an RTPO. Carlene mentioned that her council had a question on Section 4. E. of why the Executive Committee decides the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and not the full council as it would be more representative. She would like the language to say "appointment of TAC by the OCOG council" rather than the Executive Committee. Nick explained that normally it will go from TAC to the Policy Board for decisions to be made.

Cindy believes that the Bylaws and Interlocal Agreement need to run more parallel. She stated that we need to get them both done together. Cindy explained that the draft form had been emailed out to everyone. Soo mentioned that she has not heard from anyone about the Bylaws. She stated that if we talked about the Bylaws in February, then at the March meeting the Bylaws and the passage of the new Interlocal Agreement would be completed by all jurisdictions. Soo and Cindy both agreed that the Bylaws should be sent out with the Interlocal Agreement. It was agreed on by OCOG Members that the next meeting will be held February 12, 2018 @ 5:00pm.

Soo again asked for a motion for Kelly to send the revisions to Scott so he can work on it and it can be brought back to give to the councils for re-signing. She clarified that there are three changes that will be sent to Scott on the Interlocal Agreement as well as the Bylaws so there is consistency. OCOG Members brought up a concern of cost for this. Soo stated that the County had said they would pay up to about \$2k and this would fall under that amount. Carlene moved that the draft contract be sent with potential changes of the three mentioned and the Bylaws to check for any discrepancies. Seconded by Dennis Brown. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Discussion: RTPO needs and goals for WSDOT (Nick Manzano).**

Nick asked if OCOG would like Doug Cox, WSDOT Transportation Planner, to come and discuss opportunities in regards to Bylaws, RTPO and responsibilities. Carlene stated that she would like Doug to come to OCOG's February meeting. Nick agreed that would be best.

Nick explained that at the November 13, 2017 OCOG Meeting he spoke on the SR 153 Bridges. He handed out members a copy of the "Aging Bridges on the SR 153 Corridor" folio. He explained that OCOG needs to define three priorities out of the RTP that they are interested in pursuing. Priorities that were mentioned included emergency planning, alternate routes and post wildfire erosion control planning. Nick opened it up to the group to talk about where they want to go from here with these priorities.

Carlene stated that the routes are a high priority for Pateros. There are Okanogan County fire recovery landscape projects from Leavenworth all the way up to Canada that are an educational type program. She mentioned that there is a website: <https://www.okanogancd.org/wildfire-recovery> that people can visit for more information.

Cindy stated that in Yakima they are contemplating a potential landslide. She explained that Omak has a lot of rock face and questioned how this possible emergency is determined. Kurt Holmes stated that other local agencies use the landslide element as their baseline requirement and that it would be good to go over. Kurt mentioned that he is working with a core of engineers called "The Silver Jackets" who facilitate collaborative solutions to state flood risk priorities.

Andy explained that the Forest Service took a lot of prodding for Federal Land they ran into on Highway 20. Kurt Holmes stated that just starting that conversation and having it with the Forest Service will help to come up with better solutions. Kurt agreed that it can be very difficult, but it is not impossible.

Carlene asked Nick what his timeline is. Nick said that he does not really have one. He is just asking for resources so they can act rather than react. Soo summarized this request. She clarified that Kurt Holmes said that being an RTPO can open doors for these projects and support. It can also fit in and help us leverage. Soo would like to know how we ask for this, since funding is tough and we are small. Kurt stated that this is sort of a pilot program with OCOG. It is purely infrastructure protection. Andy asked if they have identified areas that they know are going to be problem areas again. For instance, the 7-Devils. The water is going to come down the hill again causing wash outs. Nick said that no areas have been identified. Andy stated that a plan to talk about bridges and places where it is going to happen again is a good idea. Jimmer stated that it is important to look over towns' critical land documents to review. Carlene said that she will follow up with Nick on the high priority routes for Pateros. Soo stated that OCOG's top priorities need to be compelling. Nick verified that he will join the next OCOG Meeting with Doug Cox in February.

**Discussion: Long Term Recovery (Carlene Anders).**

Carlene stated that this is the last year for the Okanogan County Long Term Recovery Group. She explained that disaster case managers are going to call every case for people to share their stories. If anyone has data that they feel needs to be shared (i.e., insurance) she thinks that it would be helpful. Anything data worthy as well. Carlene would like people to contact her if they feel it is something that should be included. July 18-22, 2018, they will be doing "Rising from the Ashes" reunion in celebration of appreciation of volunteers, donors or anyone in charge of this process. She mentioned that it will be done in a couple locations across the county. Carlene stated that in the end, 37 houses will have been built.

**Discussion/Action: Executive Board Nominations & Election.**

Soo stated there are four positions opened for OCOG: Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. Soo made a motion for the Treasurer to stay the same (Josh Thomson). Seconded by Jimmer. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Soo made a motion to continue with Kelly Scalf as Secretary. Seconded by Jon Culp. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Cindy stated that she believes there should not be two County people on the Executive Committee and was opening it up for conversation. Andy agreed. Andy made a motion to nominate Soo as the Chair. Seconded by Carlene. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Soo made a motion to nominate Carlene as Vice-Chair. Seconded by Kelly. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Discussion: Board of Health Opening for Representative (Andy Hover).**

Andy stated that the Board of Health has an opening for a Representative of Cities or Towns. They meet the second Tuesday of every month. He explained that it would have to be an elected official on the Board, but someone else could attend on their behalf. Soo asked that Andy bring this back to OCOG's next meeting.

**Roundtable – Brief Members' Updates (time permitting)**

Soo asked if anyone had anything to report or share. Carlene wanted to let everyone know that there is a Fire Mitigation Grant available. She mentioned that you can go to the FEMA website for more information.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned by Soo at 6:33pm.

Approved:

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Soo Ing-Moody, OCOG Chair

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