

Okanogan County of Government

January 13, 2020

Location: 303 2nd Ave S, Suite A, Okanogan, WA 98840 (TranGO Office)

Present: Soo Ing-Moody, Town of Twisp, Mayor – OCOG Chairperson
Carlene Anders, City of Pateros, Mayor – OCOG Vice-Chairperson
Josh Thomson, Okanogan County Engineer – OCOG Treasurer
Kelly Scalf, TranGO CEO/General Manager - OCOG Secretary
Jackie Moriarty, TranGO, Clerk of the Board
Jon Neal, City of Oroville, Mayor
Deanne Konsack, OCTN, Operations Manager
Tim Rieb, City of Brewster, Council Member
Sally Ranzau, Town of Winthrop Mayor
Chris Branch, Okanogan County Commissioner
Shawn Davisson, City of Okanogan, Public Works Director
Barry Freel, City of Omak, Council Member
Dennis Brown, City of Tonasket, Mayor
Tegan Levine, City of Tonasket, Council Member
Maxwell Nelson, WSDOT Planner – by phone
George Mazur, WSDOT Planner – by phone
Maurice Goodall, Okanogan Emergency Management, Director

Call to Order

Chairperson Ing-Moody called the meeting to order at 4:35pm.

Welcome/Introductions

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

Approval of the Agenda

Additions: None

Deletions: None

Minutes

Motion:

Vice-Chairman Anders moved to approve the December 9, 2019 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rieb and passed unanimously.

Update - Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Thomson reported that OCOG/ORTPO is going to receive \$77,310 for the 2020-2021 biennium; there has been approximately \$2,000 spent so far for legal costs and salaries.

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Update - Secretary Report

Secretary Scalf had nothing to report at this time.

Update - Okanogan County Report

County Commissioner Branch had nothing to report at this time.

Update/Discussion – Okanogan County Backroads Study

Chairman Ing-Moody and Treasurer Thomson recently met with SCJ Alliance regarding Phase I of the Okanogan County Backroads Study and where it was left when Thera Black left the firm. Ing-Moody reported that the representatives of SCJ were very apologetic and understood our concern about failing to spend the funds allocated to us by the state by the end of the biennium. SCJ agreed to complete Phase I at no additional cost. During that meeting, SCJ confirmed that Hans, a current employee of theirs, has been the one working on the Geographical Information System (GIS) and will continue to do so. The gathering of the information is time consuming based on the different system formats for each agency in which the data is being gathered. Treasurer Thomson stated that the County has been involved in the GIS data gathering; Commissioner Branch said it's important that the County is involved.

Chairman Ing-Moody stated that she had reached out to Thera Black as well for additional information.

Chairman Ing-Moody reported that she and Treasurer Thomson will be meeting again with SCJ on 01/23/20 to discuss scaling back Phase II to explore the possibility of using this biennium's funds to further the project. The Council agreed that we need to break down Phase II into smaller parts to determine what can be completed in this biennium.

The Council discussed several important pieces of information that need to be included in the study:

- Using urban areas/ municipalities as points to ensure connectivity; showing what is or could be used to ensure redundant ingress and egress
- Identification of roads, their conditions, and the feasibility of fixing them if needed
- Identification of who owns the roads and whether there any applicable planning/development or easement documents; as well as the feasibility of keeping these roads open?
- Identification of oddities in the event of multi-hazards (not just fire) in each municipality (ex: trains blocking ingress and egress) to identify redundant ingress/egress options

Mr. Mazur suggested that we check with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to make sure we do not duplicate information.

Treasurer Thomson feels that it isn't feasible to apply for a Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) Grant for the study in the 2020-2021 biennium because of timing. Mr. Mazur stated that it makes more sense to apply for the FLAP grant in phase III or IV.

Emergency Management (EM) Director Goodall briefly discussed the communications between the U.S. and Canada regarding evacuation routes.

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Discussion – Okanogan County Emergency Management Committee Update

Director Goodall requested to be put on future OCOG agendas to provide updates related to county- wide emergency management. Goodall stated that OCOG seems the best place to catch all of the municipality representatives. Chairman Ing-Moody clarified that action items may still need to go to the Emergency Management Committee and each OCOG member's jurisdictional councils for approval.

Director Goodall reported that the Okanogan County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan was currently being updated and that they need all of the municipalities, fire departments, and conservation districts to review the plan and provide comment. In March and April, the consultants hired by EM will be making contact with jurisdictions and coming out to hold community meetings. The plan needs to be completed by December 2020.

Director Goodall reminded everyone that the EM has a notification system that can be used by jurisdictions to get information out to the public.

He shared that the Department of Natural Resources is proposing a surcharge on insurance coverage to raise \$160 million to be used on the focus of forest health and equipment. County Commissioner Branch shared with the group that the County Commissioners are backing this proposal.

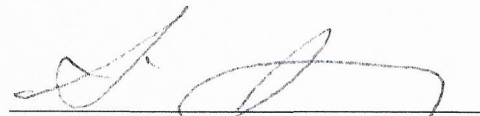
Roundtable Updates

Each agency represented is given a few moments, if they wish, to report to the group on important issues going on in their jurisdictions.

Adjournment:

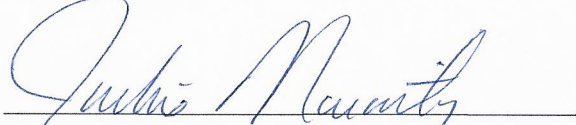
There being no further business to come before the Council, Chairman Ing-Moody adjourned the meeting at 5:58 pm.

Approved:



Soo Ing-Moody, Chairman

Attested:



Jackie Moriarty, TranGO Clerk of the Board