

Okanogan County of Government

June 10, 2019

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

Present: Soo Ing-Moody – Town of Twisp Mayor – OCOG Chairperson
Dennis Brown, City of Tonasket Mayor
Teagan Levine, City of Tonasket Council Member
Josh Thomson, Okanogan County Engineer – OCOG Treasurer
Chris Branch, Okanogan County Commissioner
Sally Ranzau, Town of Winthrop Mayor
Jon Neal, City of Oroville Mayor
Kelly Scalf, TranGO CEO/General Manager - OCOG Secretary
Tim Rieb, City of Brewster Council Member
Shawn Davisson, City of Okanogan PW Director
Nick Manzano, WSDOT Transportation Planning Manager

Call to Order:

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

Welcome/Introductions:

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

Approval of the Agenda:

Additions: None

Deletions: None

Update: Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Thomson reported that approximately \$4,900 would be left over after paying SCJ Alliance and OTAK for their Phase I work on the Primitive Road Study and the Main Street/Highway Action Plan. Thomson stated that travel expenses and mileage for 2018 to present still needed to be paid out of the remaining funds.

Update: Secretary Report:

Secretary Scalf reported that there is approximately \$27,000 that could be claimed from the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) from agencies not able to use the funds before the end of the biennium.

An updated WSDOT funding spreadsheet was shared with the Board; Secretary Scalf stated that the new formula was not favorable to ORTPO. The ORTPO's funding was cut even though more money was

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allocated. The equalization plan that was put in place for this biennium does not solve the long-term formula problem. Secretary Scalf said she made it clear to WSDOT that single county RTPPO's were not being treated fairly.

Chairman Ing-Moody thanked Secretary Scalf for her work with WSDOT on the funding formula.

Update: County Report:

Commissioner Branch reported that Okanogan County will be asking voters to approve a 2/10ths of a percent sales tax increase for the Okanogan County Communications System Upgrade on the November ballot. He also mentioned that the City of Oroville is asking voters to approve a .50/\$1,000 tax increase for EMS Services on the primary ballot. Commissioner Branch discussed ongoing work on water issues related to WRIA's 48 and 49; the main issues are to get water to the Towns of Twisp and Winthrop and to existing underserved wells.

Approval of Minutes

Motion:

Board Member Branch moved to approve the February 11, 2019 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Board Member Ranzau and passed unanimously.

Board Member Branch moved to approve the April 8, 2019 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Board Member Neal and passed unanimously.

UPWP – 2020-2021

The UPWP for 2020-2021 was updated as required, by Thera Black of SCJ Alliance. Chairman Ing-Moody reported that WSDOT had reviewed the document.

Motion:

Board Member Branch moved to approve the UPWP as presented. The motion was seconded by Secretary Scalf and passed unanimously.

Action: Submit the approved UPWP to WSDOT

Primitive Road Study – Proposed Consultant Contract

Chairman Ing-Moody gave a brief update on the Primitive Road Study Workshop, attended by her, Treasurer Thomson, Board Member Rieb, Vice-Chair Anders, WSDOT Planner George Mazur and SCJ Alliance staff members Charity Duffy, Hans Shepherd, and Thera Black.

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Ms. Duffy gave an update on the following topics:

- Land Management Agency Engagement
- OCOG Support
- Implementation Framework
- Activities on the Horizon
- Data Resources and Analysis

After a brief discussion by the Board, it was decided to change the Primitive Roads Study name to the Okanogan County Back Roads Study.

Discussion – Update on Main Street/Highway Action Plan

Mandi Roberts, OTAK gave an update on the following topics:

- Project Overview
- Update on Phase One Work – Review and Analyze
- Summary by Town – Field Work
- Recommended Next Steps
- Question/Answer Discussion

Treasurer Thomson shared his concerns about the need for traffic calming tactics.

Federal Lands Access Program

Secretary Scalf shared that the Federal Lands Access Program has been proposed as a possible funding source to continue the Okanogan County Back Roads Study as well as for the Main Street Highway Action Plan. Treasurer Thomson feels that their program objective may be changing.

Roundtable – Brief Member's Updates

Sally Ranzau, Winthrop Mayor reported that they are gearing up for summer and that she wished there would be a change in how 3% Hotel/Motel tax money could be spent.

Tim Rieb, Brewster Council Member reported that Brewster received a grant for \$3 million for magnesium abatement in their water system. Brewster will be holding the Cherries Jubilee celebration soon.

Teagan Levine, Tonasket Council Member reported that the WSDOT Commission Perfect Passage went well. The community pool has opened. A community meeting was held regarding the aesthetics of Main Street.

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Josh Thomson, Okanogan County Public Works discussed the following County road projects:

- The Statler Bridge over Salmon Creek will be going to bid soon
- Highway 7 project started June 10th
- Highway 97 from Engh Road to the 12 Tribes Casino; the study continues
- Changes are going to be made on Shumway and Sand Flats Roads

Shawn Davisson, Okanogan Public Works reported that there are water projects scheduled up by Granger, the east side of Gordon Street to Conconully Street and 2nd/Gordon. Okanogan has also received a Community Development Block Planning Only Grant (CDBG) for the 2nd Avenue North Levy.

Dennis Brown, Tonasket Mayor shared that a lot of people are using the new pool and splash park.

Jon Neal, Oroville Mayor reported that Oroville has 2 road projects out to bid.

Kelly Scalf, OCTA General Manager reported that OCTA is conducting a feasibility study for building a maintenance shop and office. She reported that ridership is continually growing with significant improvement showing in the Twisp/Winthrop area.

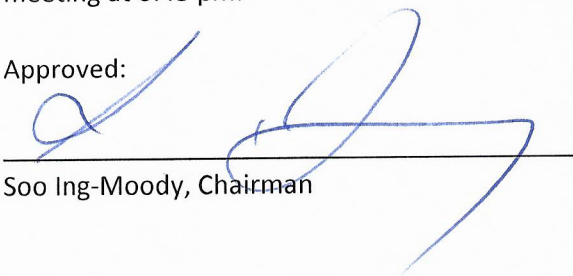
Soo Ing-Moody, Twisp Mayor reported that the TranGO shelter has been installed at the end of North Glover Street, they are working with WSDOT to install the new gateways, the Town received a grant for \$1.3 million to build sidewalks on the North end of town on Highway 20.

Chairman Ing-Moody encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming AWC Conference during the week of June 25th. Ing-Moody shared that she will advance into the Vice-Chairman position on the AWC Board at this conference.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Chairman Ing-Moody adjourned the meeting at 6:43 pm.

Approved:



Soo Ing-Moody, Chairman

Attested:



Jackie Moriarty, TranGo Clerk of the Board