

Okanogan County of Government

August 12, 2019

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

Present: Carlene Anders, City of Pateros Mayor – OCOG Vice-Chairperson
Dennis Brown, City of Tonasket Mayor
Josh Thomson, Okanogan County Engineer – OCOG Treasurer
Jon Neal, City of Oroville Mayor
Kelly Scalf, TranGO CEO/General Manager - OCOG Secretary
Jackie Moriarty, TranGO, Clerk of the Board
Tim Rieb, City of Brewster Council Member
Shawn Davisson, City of Okanogan PW Director
Deanne Konsack, OCTN Transportation Coordinator
Sally Ranzau, Town of Winthrop Mayor
George Mazur, WSDOT Planner

Call to Order

Vice-Chairperson Anders 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

Minutes

Motion:

Board Member Dennis moved to approve the June 10, 2019 minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Thomson and passed unanimously.

Update - Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Thomson reported that the biennial budget for 2017-2019 was \$82,460. SCJ Alliance came in under budget on their work on the Okanogan County Back Roads Study leaving approximately \$16,349 unspent for this biennium.

The 2019-2021 biennium budget will be \$37, 000 per year; \$10,000 for administrative costs and \$27,000 for planning.

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Update - Secretary Report

Secretary Scalf had nothing to report at this time.

Update - Okanogan County Report

Treasurer Thomson reported that the Highway 7 Road Project is almost complete and being closed out. He stated the Statler Bridge project should start in 3 weeks and be completed in January 2020. An overlay project on the Omak/Riverside Eastside Road is scheduled for 2020.

Action: Bylaws

The Board discussed the amended Bylaws reviewed and revised by Attorney Scott DeTro. The Board discussed Article 4 – Section 2 – Regular Meetings which read “*Regular meetings of OCOG shall be held at such location and on such date and time as determined in advance by the Executive Board in the months of February, April, June, August, October and December of each year*”. The Board decided to change this section to read “*Regular meetings of OCOG shall be held at such location and on such date and time as determined in advance by the Executive Board*”.

Motion:

Board Member Neal moved to approve the Bylaws as amended. The motion was seconded by Board Member Ranzau and passed unanimously.

Update/Discussion – Planning Project Completion Strategy, Prioritization for Funding, and Grant Opportunities

Secretary Scalf discussed the Federal Land Access Program Grant (FLAP). The Okanogan County Back Roads study is eligible for FLAP funds but the Main Street/Highway Action Plan is not eligible; there is a 13.5% match for FLAP funding. The Board discussed the two studies being the priorities for 2019-2021.

The Board discussed that a possible way to free up funding would be if the Board forfeited their mileage stipends; there was no objection from the Board Members present to give up their stipends.

Clerk Moriarty was directed to bring an estimate to the next meeting of what would be saved by cutting mileage stipends.

Discussion - Okanogan County Back Roads – Phase I

Treasurer Thomson reported on the following items regarding the Okanogan County Back Roads Study:

- Biennium funding can be used all in one year if desired.
- He mentioned the importance of leveraging the RTPO funding for grants.

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Discussion – Main Street/Highway Action Plan

Secretary Scalf reported that Mandi Roberts, OTAK, will be working with University of Idaho landscape architect students to do some public outreach related to the Main Street/Highway Action Plan Project.

Discussion – Federal Lands Access Program Grant

The Board discussed the importance of leveraging RTPO funding for grants to maximize the money that can be spent on projects. Treasurer Thomson stated that he will have an estimate for the total Okanogan County Back Roads Study Project at the next meeting.

Roundtable – Brief Member's Updates

Sally Ranzau, Winthrop Mayor shared that Governor Inslee visited Winthrop recently, they had a great conversation which included using Recreation Conservation Office (RCO) grant funds for recreational and trail purposes. She reported the Friends of the Winthrop Library received a state appropriation of \$2 million to go for the building of a new library.

Tim Rieb, Brewster Council Member reported that Salmon Fishing is open and that Brewster is still working on new water pipes and a 500,000-gallon reservoir.

Josh Thomson, Okanogan County Engineer reported they have been working with communities, including Brewster, Twisp, and Omak by partnering on chip seal road projects.

Shawn Davisson, Okanogan Public Works Director reported that Pine Street is re-opened and the City is working with the Army Corp of Engineers on a water project.

Jon Neal, Oroville Mayor reported tourism is up 30%, one road project is in progress, another road project is coming up, and they are still addressing airport issues.

George Mazur, WSDOT reported a study being done related to fire and flooding impacts on tourism, safety studies being done on Hwy 97 from Engh Road to 12 Tribes Casino, a chip seal is being done on Hwy 155, the Methow Bridge project should be done soon, and there will be more details coming soon on the WSDOT 2020 schedule. Mayor Ranzau stated her concern regarding trailer length of some of the trucks that come through Winthrop, especially the trucks with dual trailers.

Kelly Scalf, TranGO General Manager discussed the potential of lost funding for transportation providers if Initiative 976 passes.

Carlene Anders, Pateros Mayor reported that the Apple Pie Jamboree was a success even with construction going on and that the parade being changed to 7 pm Friday night was well received, a Smoke and Reflection gathering will be held at the Old Roundtable Restaurant, KREM news did a five year look back at the 2014 Carlton Complex Fire, and the annual hydroplane races and hog roast are coming up.

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Adjournment:

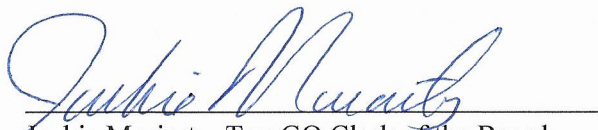
There being no further business to come before the Council, Vice-Chairman Anders adjourned the meeting at 5:52 pm.

Approved:



Carlene Anders, Vice-Chairman

Attested:



Jackie Moriarty, TranGO Clerk of the Board