

Okanogan County of Government

October 14, 2019

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 Scaff, TranGO CEO/General Manager - OCOG Secretary
Jackie Moriarty, TranGO, Clerk of the Board
Jon Neal, City of Oroville Mayor – On phone
Tim Rieb, City of Brewster Council Member
Sally Ranzau, Town of Winthrop Mayor – On phone
Chris Branch, Okanogan County Commissioner
Cindy Gagne, City of Omak, Mayor
George Mazur, WSDOT Planner
Maxwell Nelson, WSDOT Planner
Dave Bierschbach, WSDOT

Call to Order

Chairperson Ing-moody called the meeting to order at 5:02 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:

Vice-Chairman Anders moved to approve the August 12, 2019 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Board Member Rieb and passed unanimously.

Update - Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Thomson discussed how mileage and administrative reimbursements work for the County. There has to be a minimum of \$500 in reimbursements to trigger a draw from the State. Thomson stated that it may take time to get mileage reimbursements because the minimum has not been reached.

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Update - Secretary Report

Secretary Scalf reported that Mandie Roberts, OTAK brought a group of University of Idaho landscape architect students over to the area to tour the municipalities that have highways as main streets or highways that run through the town. They met for lunch at TranGO and had an opportunity to meet with a few of the elected officials to ask them questions.

Update - Okanogan County Report

Commissioner Branch reported that he had a good discussion about recent fires, and the Okanogan County Back Roads Study with three State WSDOT Commissioners. Branch stated that he would most likely be taking Commissioner Hover's place at the OCOG meetings.

Action: Bylaws – Resolution #2019-01

Clerk of the Board Moriarty explained that even though the revised bylaws were adopted at the 08/12/19 meeting, there was a resolution that was supposed to be passed at the same time. Moriarty asked that the board, as a formality, approve the bylaws.

Motion:

Board Member Ranzau moved to approve Resolution 2019-01 as presented. The motion was seconded by Board Member Rieb and passed unanimously.

Update/Discussion – Planning Project Completion Strategy, Prioritization for Funding, and Grant Opportunities – (Total Budget/Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP), RTPO Funds as Grant Match, Mileage Stipends)

Treasurer Thomson reported that he checked on the FLAP grant eligibility and the Okanogan County Back Roads Project is an eligible project for grant funding; however, the Main Street/Highway Action Plan Project is not eligible. Chairman Ing-Moody expressed concern about the shortfall in deliverables from SCJ Alliance on the Okanogan County Back Roads Project; she plans to follow up with them. Treasurer Thomson reported that it would take approximately \$70,000 to complete Phase II of the Back Roads Project. Treasurer Scalf reported it would take approximately \$150,000 to complete the Main Street/Highway Action Plan. The Board along with WSDOT Planner, George Mazur discussed other possible funding sources; Mr. Mazur will do some research and report back to the Board. Vice-Chairperson Anders volunteered to do some checking in with grant agencies during the upcoming IACC Conference.

Chairman Ing-Moody brought the subject of mileage stipends before the Board. At the August 12, 2019 meeting the Board discussed whether the money paid out for stipends could be better used as grant match funds. The Board that was present at the August meeting verbally agreed to forfeit their stipends. Commissioner Branch stated that forfeiting stipends may discourage participation by some jurisdictions. The Board decided to each take the issue back to their jurisdictions and revisit the issue at the next meeting.

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Initiative 976 – A Proposal to Cut Car Tabs to \$30 – How Could its Passage Affect Your Agency?

Chairman Ing-Moody began discussion on I-976 reporting that the Twisp Town Council voted to publish a press release opposing I-976, showing a united front to their constituents. Secretary Scalf reported that the loss to TranGO is just over \$250,000, and that OCTN will see a severe cut in funding if the initiative passes. She explained that the cuts will affect door-to-door bus routes and 2 fixed routes. She stated that the home delivered meals program is primarily funded through Aging and Adult Care and other separate funding sources and will not see funding cuts as a result of this initiative.

Discussion: Okanogan County Dispatch Advisory Board

Mike Worden, Chief of Communications for the Okanogan County Sheriff's Office sent the OCOG Board a request asking for a member of OCOG to serve on the Dispatch Advisory Board. Board Member Neal felt that OCOG should have a representative on the Advisory Board and volunteered for the position. Vice-Chairman Anders volunteered to serve as an alternate representative.

Motion:

Board Member Gagne moved to appoint Board Member Neal as the OCOG Dispatch Advisory Board and Vice-Chairman Anders as the alternate. The motion was seconded by Board Member Branch and passed unanimously.

Action: Chairman Ing-Moody directed Clerk Moriarty to draft a resolution for passage at the next meeting.

Roundtable Updates

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

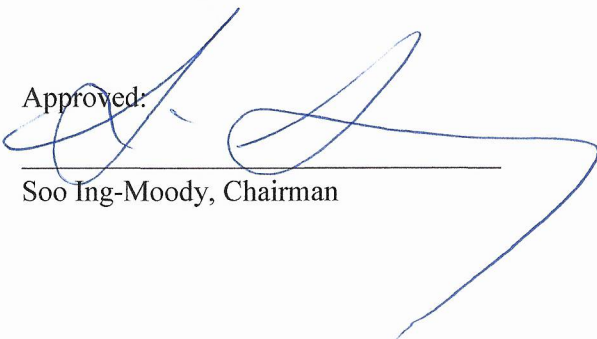
Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Chairperson Ing-Moody adjourned the meeting at 6:52 pm.

Attested:


Jackie Moriarty, TranGO Clerk of the Board

Approved:


Soo Ing-Moody, Chairman