

# Okanogan County of Government

December 9, 2019

Location: 303 2<sup>nd</sup> 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  
Tim Rieb, City of Brewster, Council Member  
Sally Ranzau, Town of Winthrop Mayor  
Chris Branch, Okanogan County Commissioner  
Barry Freel, City of Omak, Council Member  
Jon Culp, City of Okanogan, Mayor  
Dennis Brown, City of Tonasket, Mayor  
Nick Manzano, WSDOT Planner – by phone  
Maxwell Nelson, WSDOT Planner – by phone

## **Call to Order**

Chairperson Ing-moody called the meeting to order at 5:00 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 October 14, 2019 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Board Member Brown and passed unanimously.

## **Update - Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Thomson reported that no money had been spent since the last meeting.

Treasurer Thomson stated that OCOG needs to prepare a Transportation Improvement Program plan; it was due in the spring of 2019. Thomson stated that a project list from all OCOG municipalities is needed to prepare the plan. Treasurer Thomson will work on obtaining the lists of projects by the February

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meeting. Chairman Ing-Moody and Treasurer Thomson will work to get the annual report complete and submitted.

**Action:** There will be an OCOG Executive Board Meeting in January.

**Action:** Treasurer Thomson will submit the budget amount to Clerk Moriarty.

## **Update - Secretary Report**

There was nothing to report at this time.

## **Update - Okanogan County Report**

Board Member Branch reported that the County passed their budget on 12/09/19 and cut their levy shift to only \$300,000.

## **Update/Discussion – Okanogan County Backroads Study**

Treasurer Thomson reported on the following status of the Okanogan County Backroads Study:

- FLAP grant applications will be accepted in May of 2020.
- The contract between SCJ Alliance and OCOG has expired. The Board needs to decide if we go out with a Request for Proposals or if we discuss working with SCJ Alliance again. Thomson reminded the Board that Thera Black no longer works with SCJ Alliance and she is who did most of the work. However, SCJ Alliance also did not fulfill their contractual obligations and did not provide all of the Phase I deliverables.
- Should the board go with one consultant or divide the scope of work up into pieces and use other resources.

Treasurer Thomson suggested that we contact Okanogan County Emergency Management Services (EMS) and see if our project is in line with any work they are currently undertaking.

Vice-Chairman Anders suggested preparing a list of key points OCOG needs and that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) could be a partner as well.

It was mentioned that the Association of Washington Cities provides aid in Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping and could be a resource.

## **Motion:**

Board Member Neal moved to give the Executive Board permission to pursue avenues to keep the Backroads Study moving. The motion was seconded by Board Member Branch and passed unanimously.

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**Action:** Chairman Ing-Moody will check with AWC to look into the viability of using GIS Consortium services for the potential purpose of the Backroads study.

## **Update/Discussion - Initiative 976**

Chairman Ing-Moody began the discussion stating that several jurisdictions, agencies, and individuals have filed an injunction claiming that I-976 is unconstitutional as written; we are all waiting now to see if the court agrees. WSDOT is still trying to determine what all the impacts may be and to what degree they will hit agencies. So far, WSDOT has put a hold on grant applications for Safe Routes to School and Bike Ped.

Secretary Scalf stated that Okanogan County Transportation and Nutrition (OCTN) is fully funded by the State and that the OCTA Board is currently discussing options to aid in continuing their services.

Treasurer Thomson is concerned about the ORTPO being the newest and how the Initiative may further impact our funding.

**Action:** Provide Office of Financial Management (OFM) website link regarding a fiscal impact statement related to Initiative 976 to the Board Members.

## **Action – Resolution #2019-02 – A Resolution Officially Appointing a Representative and Alternate Representative to the Okanogan County Dispatch Advisory Board**

At their October Board Meeting Board Member Neal volunteered to be the representative from OCOG on the Dispatch Advisory Board and Vice-Chairman Anders volunteered to be the alternate. Passing Resolution #2019-02 will make the action official.

Board Member Rieb stated that he would like to be involved with the Dispatch Advisory Board given his background in law enforcement.

### **Motion:**

Board Member Branch moved to approve Resolution #2019-02 as presented confirming Jon Neal as representative and Carlene Anders as alternate. The motion was seconded by Board Member Culp and passed unanimously.

## **Discussion/Action – Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Change of Operational Procedures Regarding Snow and Ice Removal on State Routes within Municipalities**

Board Member Ranzau reported that their Public Works Director received a pricing sheet from WSDOT outlining the newly imposed costs for maintaining SR 20 through the Town of Winthrop; Chairman Ing-Moody received notice as well for Twisp. Board Member Ranzau stated that they estimated that it would cost Winthrop about \$4,000 per season for these costs. As Ranzau and Ing-Moody contacted their State Representatives and Agencies regarding this unexpected change it was found that small Eastern

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Washington municipalities may be the ones hit the hardest if cities were expected to pay for snow and ice removal (responsibility that WSDOT has always historically assumed on State Routes). RCW guidelines are unclear, and both mayors do not believe the language states that cities are responsible for operations and maintenance of any sections of State highways. They reported that WSDOT officials agreed that the execution was handled poorly and assured them that their towns would not have to pay this season. Both Board Member Ranzau and Chairman Ing-Moody commended the representatives and agencies they contacted for responding quickly; WSDOT officials will be meeting to discuss this issue further and there will be no reimbursements from the towns required at this time. Chairman Ing-Moody hopes to be part of future conversations regarding with WSDOT regarding their interpretation of the RCW.

## Set Meeting Dates and Times for 2020

Chairman Ing-Moody discussed a proposed bi-monthly 2020 schedule for Board meetings. Board Members felt that a monthly meeting was warranted due to workload.

### **Motion:**

Vice-Chairman Anders moved to set the OCOG 2020 board meeting schedule for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm. The motion was seconded by Board Member Ranzau and passed unanimously.

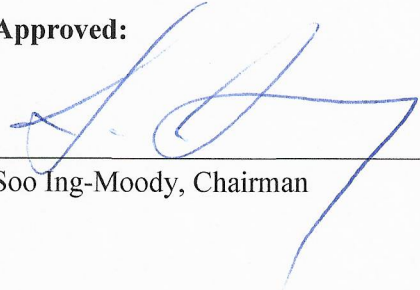
## Roundtable Updates

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

### Adjournment:

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

Approved:



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Soo Ing-Moody, Chairman

Attested:



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Jackie Moriarty, TranGO Clerk of the Board