

**Okanogan Council of Governments/Regional Transportation Planning Organization
February 12, 2024 – Regular Meeting Minutes - 5:00 p.m.
303 S. Second Ave., Suite A, Okanogan, WA**

**(253) 215 8782; Meeting ID 929 2149 7263; Passcode: 716493; or link:
<https://zoom.us/j/92921497263?pwd=TU1wZktBZHl4S0Y2UHVuMTFIRjY3UT09>**

Present: Jon Neal, Okanogan County, Commissioner - OCOG Chairman
Josh Thomson, Okanogan County, Engineer - OCOG Treasurer
*Brent Timm, TranGO, General Manager – OCOG Secretary
*Crystal Hawley, TranGO, Clerk of the Board/Facilities Coordinator
Misty Ruiz, City of Brewster, Finance Director
Kelly Hook, City of Pateros, Mayor
Maurice Goodall, Okanogan County Emergency Management, Director
Kate Tollefson, WSDOT, Tribal and Regional Integrated Planning
Ed Naillon, City of Oroville, Mayor
Bobby Watkins, OCTN, Operations Director
*Amie Staggs, OCOG Coordinator
*Wayne Turner, City of Okanogan Mayor
*Teagan Levine, Tonasket Council Member
* Shaun Darveshi, WSDOT Region Planning Manager
* Paul Budrow, Okanogan County Sheriff Office
Lauri Jones, Public Health Director
Hans Smith

*These participants attended in person

Call to Order/Welcome

Chairman Jon Neal called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion:

Secretary Brent Timm moved to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded. All were in favor; motion was carried unanimously.

- Agenda
- Minutes from January 8th, 2024, Regular Meeting

Public Comment:

There was no public comment at this time.

Update: Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Thomson provided his report.

Update: Secretary Report

Secretary Brent Timm provided his report. Secretary Timm met with WSDOT and OCOG Coordinator, Amie Staggs about Title VI Policies. He has another meeting tomorrow morning with SCJ Alliance.

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Update: Okanogan County Report

Chairman Neal reported that Okanogan County is working with Okanogan Conservation District as part of the various partners across County to update the Community Wildfire Protection Plan. There will be a planning session this coming Wednesday, February 14, 2024, at the Okanogan Conservation District Office at 9:00a a.m. They will be discussing hazard risk analysis components, projects, and prioritization standards and community meetings.

County Engineer, Thomson, explained that some road restrictions will be lifted.

Update: Washington State Department of Transportation

WSDOT Region Planning Manager, Shaun Darveshi, explained the SR 155 Omak Area Paving and Complete Streets Project overview. This project will construct sidewalks or a shared-use path along State Route 155 Spur/Omak Avenue to provide a designated route for pedestrians and bicyclists to the East Omak Elementary School and across the nearby railroad tracks. Traffic calming features such as speed feedback signs and pedestrian crossing warning lights may also be added to support safer pedestrian travel along and across the roadway.

County-Wide Emergency Updates/Discussion

Okanogan Public Health Director, Lauri Jones said that Okanogan County residents have been getting COVID-19 and Influenza. Both illnesses are having a prolonged cough.

Okanogan County Emergency Management, Maurice Goodall provided his report on weather conditions.

Okanogan County Sheriff, Paul Budrow, explained that he came to see if any of the towns would be interested in partnering with the Sheriff's Office to hire an animal control officer.

Discussion: Title VI

OCOG Coordinator, Amie Staggs, said that the Title VI Policy is done and is being reviewed by WSDOT. The policy will be ready for action for next month's meeting.

Discussion: OCOG Anti-Harassment Policy

OCOG Coordinator, Amie Staggs, explained that the Anti-Harassment Policy was ready to be adopted.

Motion

Mayor Kelly Hook moved to approve the anti-harassment policy as presented. Motion was seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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.

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Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Chairman Neal adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Approved:

Jon Neal, Chairman

Attested:

Crystal Hawley, TranGO Clerk of the Board