



Northwest Colorado Council of Governments

NWCCOG Council Meeting

City Hall Council Chambers

Glenwood Springs, CO

March 22, 2018

Council & EDD Board Members Present:

Alyssa Shenk, Town of Snowmass Village
Anne McKibbin, Town of Eagle
Bob Sirkus, Town of Snowmass Village
Carolyn Skowrya, Town of Dillon
Heather Sloop, City of Steamboat Springs
Karn Stiegelmeier, Summit County
Kathy Chandler-Henry, Eagle County
Kristen Manguso, Grand County
Mark Campbell, Town of Kremmling
Patti Clapper, Pitkin County
Thomas Clark, Town of Kremmling
Watkins Fulk-Gray, Town of Basalt

Others Present:

Betsy Bair, Senator Gardner's Office
Ed Mills, Colorado Office of Information Technology
Eric Arnette, City of Glenwood Springs Information Systems
Jennie Fancher, Town of Avon
Jim English, Colorado Mtn. College IT
Rob Schoeber, City of Grand Junction Parks & Rec
Tanya Allen, City of Glenwood Springs Transit

NWCCOG Staff:

Elaina Wiegand
Jon Stavney
Nate Walowitz

Call to Order

Karn Stiegelmeier, NWCCOG Council Chair called the NWCCOG Council Meeting to order at 10:41 a.m. NLF meeting was prior to this (separate minutes). Roundtable introductions were completed, and a quorum was present for the group.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

M/S/P Anne McKibbin/Thomas Clark to approve the March 22, 2018 NWCCOG meeting minutes with corrections noted.

Approval of Final December 2017 Financials

M/S/P Kris Manguso/Anne McKibbin to approve the December 2017 financials as presented.

Approval of February 2018 Financials

M/S/P Patti Clapper/Kris Manguso to approve the February 2018 financials with corrections noted.

****note:** individuals listed under RSVP on the list of payments are not covered under HIPPA, so names are listed.

Approve Continuation of Policy & Procedure Updates

M/S/P Patti Clapper/Anne McKibbin to continue policy and procedure updates for May 24, 2018 council meeting to be able to utilize extensive input given to two policies which were in the packet.

Upcoming Member Surveys and Annual Report

- *Member Survey:* Jon requested that NWCCOG conduct a Member Survey biannually, rather than annually. The council supported Jon's request.
- *Annual Report:* Since NWCCOG is deeply renovating the website, Jon requested that NWCCOG focus on the website rather than composing a full Annual Report for 2018. He instead suggested that NWCCOG provide the council with something showing 2017 data and post to the website. The council supported Jon's request. Jon also requested that NWCCOG transition the Annual Report into more of a services guide with the previous year's data. The council supported the idea this year, but would like to revisit after the services guide is posted.
- *2018 Member Handbook:* the 2018 NWCCOG Member Handbook is posted on the website: <http://nwccog.org/> It is available in print form only by request.

E-Bikes Mini-Workshop:

- Jon presented results of the member Survey on E-Bikes. Resources packet on the website: <http://nwccog.org/about/meetings/>
- E-Bikes on Regional Trails Presentation by Rob Schoeber posted on the website: <http://nwccog.org/about/meetings/>
- E-Bikes & Community Mobility in Glendwood Springs Presentation by Tanya Allen posted on the website: <http://nwccog.org/about/meetings/>
- E-Bike Survey Results by Jon Stavney posted on the website: <http://nwccog.org/about/meetings/>

Reminder to Register:

- Elected Official Workshops, with reduced NWCCOG member rates (\$450)—Jon
 - April 13 – 14 Glendale – Infinity Event Center
 - April 27 – 28 Dillon – Best Western, Ptarmigan Lodge
 - May 11 – 12 Glendale – Infinity Events Center
 - Contact Debbie Brinkman dbrinkman@cpsr.us (720) 224-1314
- Summit County Sustainability 8 hr workshop
 - May 31, 2018 at Summit County Community and Senior Center
 - Nick Kittle, Chief Innovation Officer Adams County
 - NWCCOG has 10 slots – training requires RSVP to office@nwccog.org
- CPM in the Mountains – FYI (see Vail Daily story in packet on page 63: <http://nwccog.org/about/meetings/>)

Program Updates

The NWCCOG Regional Economic Summit is on Friday, May 4, 2018 from 9:00am – 3:30pm at the Silverthorne Pavilion in Silverthorne, CO. Please see flyer on website for more information: <http://nwccog.org/about/meetings/>

Member Updates

Pitkin County, Patti Clapper: The County will be moving into new building by the end of June. They are looking forward to welcoming the council in August. They are looking at expanding the County airport.

Town of Snowmass Village, Bob Sirkus & Alyssa Shenk: The third new building in Base Village is under construction. Sales have started on the first 2 buildings. This project started in 2004 and is now operating. The Town of Snowmass conducted a marijuana survey to see if the town was interested in providing it in Snowmass Village. Currently, the nearest place to purchase marijuana is in Aspen and Basalt. Results indicated that most of the community does not want marijuana retail sales in Snowmass Village. Despite the fact that this winter has not been very snowy, Snowmass maintained sales tax and occupancy within percentages comparable to last year.

City of Steamboat Springs, Health Sloop: The City of Steamboat Springs has their marijuana policy set at 3 retail stores. The policy has been stringent. The three operators have continued to scratch the surface by getting closer and closer to parks, not worrying about residential areas, etc. Another retailer approached the town council to open a store near the mountain. The council is questioning if they should monopolize the current retailers or open it up to anybody? Steamboat has also had an off leash dog pilot. A grassroots group called steamboat digs dogs has quite a few members who started the off leash dog conversation. The city as areas signed saying where dogs are allowed to be off leash. They even started changing animal ordinances for chicken, goats, pigs, etc. Steamboat is keeping public and police records of all dog-people and dog-dog encounters.

Summit County, Karn Stiegelmeier: There have been Olympics meetings in the region recently. Some believe that since Summit is experienced with hosting events, that Summit could handle the Olympics. General public sentiment is no way, noting Colorado's and Summit's rapid growth. They are requiring that I-70 would need to have a designated lane strictly for Olympic event use. The Olympics group also asked for 20 flat acres of housing for Olympians. Short-term rentals are still an issue in Summit County. The county recently realized that they are able to permit short-term rentals at the county level.

Eagle County, Kathy Chandler-Henry: Eagle County has made job offers for our new County Manager and HR Director. The County is starting to do some planning on a shared use facility in Edwards that would be behavioral health, physical

health, and county services related to health. The County currently has mental health services money coming in from their marijuana taxes last year. They think the facility will generate \$3-4 million. The tax for this passed by 75% due to the prominence of mental health issues. E-bikes in Eagle County have to default to state law. The County has not made any regulations outside of that or found any issues yet. The Eagle Airport terminal ground breaking is April 10th.

Town of Kremmling, Thomas Clark & Mark Campbell: Kremmling now has a brewery: Grand Adventure Brewing (An NLF funded expansion). The town finished the year with another record high in sales tax. Kremmling is also starting off good in January. There has been inquiries about a distillery.

Town of Basalt, Watkins Fulk-Gray: Basalt is also having many dog related conversations. There is a town council election in April with 3 seats open. Basalt has a new park and is already designating separate areas for dogs. The town is talking about regional e-bikes issues.

Town of Dillon, Carolyn Skowyra: Dillon has 3 marijuana stores. They recently allowed the retailers to have dual licenses allowing them to sell both recreational and medicinal marijuana. The recreational sales peaked, and have not leveled out. Dillon allows and has not had a problem with e-bikes. However, the trail e-bikes use runs through multiple towns in Summit County that do not allow e-bikes. Dillon does not plan to regulate just yet. The sales tax in Dillon is up 30% in January. They believe this might be due to the ice castles and REI bringing more people into town. Our town manager is back full time.

Grandy County, Kristen Manguso: There are marijuana sales in unincorporated Grand County, which upsets the town because the sales tax does not go to the town. The Winter Park manager resigned. For now, the former Vail Town Manager, Stan Zemler, is now the Winter Park Interim Town Manager. Richard Cimino is pushing legislation for single geographic area for health care. This legislation would raise rates in bigger areas, but it would help mountain communities.

Town of Avon, Jennie Fancher: (Visiting) Avon has been a part of health care discussions and went down to talk to the insurance commission. It's a real problem in Eagle County.

Town of Eagle, Anne McKibbin: Eagle has a new Town Manager. The town is tossing their current land use code and starting from scratch. The first two white water features of the river park are pretty much done, and they plan to re-water the river next week. The town's final 2017 sales tax revenue was near their year expectations. Eagle has an election in April. There are 3 open seats. All incumbents were eligible to run and decided to run. No one tried to run against, so all seats should remain the same. Eagle allows retailers the two different types of marijuana licenses. They have not had any significant marijuana issues. One of the retailers plans to build a dog park behind their shop. Eagle rezoned one of their hotel properties by the interstate, because there is an individual showing interest in purchasing in order to provide small, long-term studio apartments. Parking will be a challenge but welcome experiment.

City Utility to Broadband Utility:

Discussion led by Eric Arnette, City of Glenwood Springs Information Systems, and Jim English, Colorado Mountain College IT Director.


First Net: What Now?

Discussion led by Ed Mills, Colorado Office of Information Technology.

New Business: There was none.

Adjournment: *Karn Stiegelmeier* adjourned the NWCCOG Council Meeting at 5:30p.m.


Karn Stiegelmeier, NWCCOG Council Chair


Date