



Northwest Colorado Council of Governments

NWCCOG Council Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 26, 2018

Winter Park Town Hall Conference Room
50 Vasquez Road, Winter Park, CO

Council & EDD Board Members Present:

Carolyn Skowyra, Town of Dillon
Jeanne McQueeney, Eagle County (phone)
Karn Stiegelmeier, Summit County
Patti Clapper, Pitkin County (phone)
Richard Cimino, Grand County
Kristin Manguso, Grand County
Tom Goodfellow, Town of Grand Lake
Anne McKibbin, Town of Eagle
Jim White, Town of Grand Lake
Heather Sloop, City of Steamboat Springs
Andy Miller, Town of Fraser
Lana Bryce, Town of Gypsum (phone)
Bob Sirkus, Town of Snowmass Village (phone)
Watkins Fulk-Grat, Town of Basalt (phone)
Deborah Shaner, Town of Frisco (phone)
Greg Clifton, Town of Vail (phone)

Others Present:

Betsy Bair, Senator Gardner's Office
John Whitney, Senator Bennet's Office
Evan Biagi, Mammoth Networks
Catherine Ross, Winter Park Chamber of Commerce

NWCCOG Staff:

Jon Stavney
Rachel Lunney
Nate Walowitz
Anita Cameron

Call to Order:

Karn Stiegelmeier, NWCCOG Council Chair called the NWCCOG Council Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Roundtable introductions were completed, and a quorum was present for the group.

Approval of NWCCOG Consent Agenda Items

- Minutes from March 22, 2018 Council Meeting
- First and Second Quarter 2018 Financials
- Approval of updated Payroll Policy

M/S/P Jim White/Anne McKibbin to approve items within the consent agenda as presented.

Approval of USFS Funding Letter – and last call for signatures

Several members indicated that they would like to be included as signatories to the letter, including Pitkin County, City of Aspen, Grand County, Town of Dillon, and Grand Lake. Jeanne McQueeney stated that the name on the letter for Eagle County needs to be changed to Kathy Chandler-Henry (as she is now the chair). It was mentioned that other forests such as the Arapahoe National Forest are not referred to in the letter, and perhaps they should be. Jon stated that wording was added to include a reference to other forests. With notice from Aspen and Basalt, Elaina will proceed to finalize signature block and begin gathering signatures.

M/S/P Patti Clapper/Kris Manguso to approve the USFS funding letter with edits.

Approval of Proposed 2019 Member Dues

Jon reported that the updated dues worksheet was distributed to Council via email on 7/24/18. The dues for 2019 were approved by NWCCOG council to include an increase in order to help pay broadband local match and other uses.

M/S/P Kris Manguso/Anne McKibbin to approve 2019 Member Dues.

Presentation: Project THOR update

Jon Stavney's Project THOR Presentation and Evan Biagi's (Mammoth Networks) Project THOR Presentation on NWCCOG website: <http://nwccog.org/about/meetings/>.

Approval of DOLA Grant Submittal for Project THOR

Jon indicated that the grant needs to be edited to include the funding to be contributed by Clear Creek County, and that he had added language that was not in the copy in the packet to improve the case. A motion was made to support the grant submittal with the above edits by Jon.

M/S/P Anne McKibbin/Andy Miller to approve DOLA grant submittal for Project THOR with edits to include Clear Creek County funding and other language.

Approval of CDOT Fiber Agreement

This was a concept approval of the CDOT fiber agreement to be able to note in the DOLA grant that Council had reviewed and approved. Numbers were not input at this time. Jon anticipated updating those following final negotiations with CDOT later in the DOLA grant cycle.

M/S/P Heather Sloop/Carolyn Skowrya to approve CDOT Fiber Agreement.

Approval of Broadband Program "Budget Amendment" regarding Letters of Intent

Adjusted budget will be presented in October pending notice of award for DOLA grant. This was a request for acknowledgement that THOR numbers will be added so that DOLA grant can checkbox "budgeted" by NWCCOG Council.

M/S/P Anne McKibbin/Heather Sloop to approve the Broadband Program "Budget Amendment".

Next steps for Local Match following SWCCOG partnership situation.

Jon explained that NWCCOG will not be partnering with SWCCOG on broadband funding, as originally proposed. This will leave NWCCOG short \$35,000. This will be made up with an increase in NWCCOG dues, match by Executive Director time, and a contribution from Clear Creek County. Jon will be submitting a revised request to that effect to DOLA—Council voted by unanimous consent to allow Jon to negotiate adjusted grant with DOLA.

Presentation: Short Term Rentals


Presentation was made by Rich Cimino, Grand County Commissioner. Presentation on the NWCCOG website: <http://nwccog.org/about/meetings/>. Comments were made by Tom Goodfellow, Town of Grand Lake; Catherine Ross, Winter Park/Fraser Valley Chamber of Commerce. Roundtable discussion took place.

Update from Congressional Representatives

John Whitney, Representative from Senator Michael Bennet's Office, and Betsy Bair, Representative from Senator Cory Gardner's Office, gave an update on federal legislation. Updates included information on the Land and Water Conservation Fund, fire spending by the USFS in light of current wildfires around the state, proposed penalties for the use of unauthorized drones over fires in Colorado, and an update on the Farm Bill, which will legalize industrial hemp.

Adjournment:

M/S/P Carolyn Skowra/Anne McKibbin to adjourn the NWCCOG Council Meeting at 1:10 p.m.



Karn Stiegelmeier, NWCCOG Council Chair

10-25-18
Date