



# Northwest Colorado Council of Governments

## NWCCOG Council & EDD Board Meeting

January 28, 2021

Conference Call Only ("Present" means on the call")

### **Council & EDD Board Members Present:**

Alisha Janes, Town of Winter Park  
Alyssa Shenk, Town of Snowmass Village  
Andy Miller, Town of Fraser  
Carolyn Skowyra, Town of Dillion  
Corry Mihm, Summit Chamber  
DiAnn Butler, Grand County EDD  
George Brodin, Town of Minturn  
Gusty Kanakis, Town of Minturn  
Jeanne McQueeney, Eagle County  
Jessica Valand, CO Department of Labor & Employment  
John Bristol, City of Steamboat Springs EDD  
Josh Blanchard, Summit County  
Kristen Manguso, Grand County  
Mark Hoblitzell, CO Department of Labor & Employment  
Matthew Langhorst, City of Glenwood Springs  
Matthew Mendisco, Town of Hayden  
Matt Solomon, Town of Eagle  
Patty McKenny, Town of Vail  
Skippy Mesirow, City of Aspen  
Tamra Pogue, Summit County  
Tamara Nottingham Underwood, Town of Avon  
Tom Fridstein, Town of Snowmass Village  
Watkins Fulk-Gray, Town of Basalt

### **Others Present:**

Brian Pool, Government Performance Solutions  
Kris Valdez, Eagle County  
Laura Sigrist, Government Performance Solutions  
Matthew Kireker, Bennet's Office

### **NWCCOG Staff:**

Anita Cameron  
Becky Walter  
Doug Jones  
Elaina West  
Erin Fisher  
Jeff Andrews  
Jon Stavney  
Rachel Lunney

### **Call to Order:**

Carolyn Skowyra, Secretary-Treasurer, and DiAnn Butler, EDD Chair, called the Northwest Colorado Council of Governments (NWCCOG) and Economic Development District (EDD) Board meeting to order at 10:00am. Roundtable introductions were completed, and a quorum was present for the groups. **Note: NWCCOG's ED Review and NLF meeting were held prior to Council meeting with separate minutes.**

### **Approval of December 2020 Council & EDD Board Meeting Minutes**

**M/S: Andy Miller/Patty McKenny** to approve the December 2020 Council Meeting Minutes with minor revision.

**Passed: Yes**

### **Approval of 2020 Preliminary End of the Year Financials**

**M/S: Kristen Manguso/George Brodin** to approve the 2020 preliminary end of the year financials.

**Passed: Yes**

### **Election of Executive Committee municipal members for 2021 – Election of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary/Treasurer and NWCCOG Executive Committee**

For clarification, the Executive Committee consists of nine members; one member from each of the Region XII counties and four municipal members at large. The previous members are as follows: Karn Stiegelmeier, Patti Clapper, Jeanne McQueeney, Kristen Manguso, and Coby Corkle County (Region XII County Members); Alyssa Shenk, Carolyn Skowyra, Patty McKenny, and Andy Miller.

The existing members agreed to continue with the addition of Tamara Pogue to replace Karn Stiegelmeier for Summit County. (Summit since the meeting has requested that Commissioner Josh Blanchard be the primary rep to NWCCOG, so he will automatically be on the Executive Committee per the Bylaws)

**M/S: Matt Solomon/George Brodin** to approve existing Executive Committee with Tamara Pogue as replacement for Karn Stiegelmeier, Summit County.

**Passed: Yes**

The previous NWCCOG Officers are as follows: Karn Stiegelmeier serves as Chair, Patti Clapper as Vice-Chair, and Carolyn Skowrya as Secretary/Treasurer. Alyssa Shenk offered to be Chair while Patti, Vice-Chair, and Carolyn, Secretary/Treasurer, offered to continue their current officer positions.

**M/S: Tamra Underwood/George Brodin** to approve Alyssa Shenk as Chair, Patti Clapper as Vice-Chair, and Carolyn Skowrya as Secretary/Treasurer.

**Passed: Yes**

#### **Election of Economic Development District Board for 2021**

The previous EDD Officers are as follows: DiAnn Butler serves as Chair, Patti Clapper as Vice-Chair, and Kris Manguso as Secretary/Treasurer. Each of the existing members agreed to continue their service for the 2-year term.

**M/S: Corry Mihm/Andy Miller** move to approve DiAnn Butler as EDD Chair, Pattie Clapper as Vice-Chair, and Kristen Manguso as Secretary/Treasurer in 2021.

**Passed: Yes**

#### **Designate County Health Pool (CHP) Rep for 2021**

Carolyn Skowrya was our 2020 CHP representative. Jon Stavney offered to serve as the County Health Pool Representation for 2021 with Elaina West as alternate.

**M/S: Carolyn Skowrya/George Brodin** to approve Jon Stavney as the 2021 NWCCOG County Health Pool Representative with Elaina West as the alternate.

**Passed: Yes**

#### **Authorize Council Chair to sign 2020 Audit engagement letter with Clifton Larson Allen**

**M/S: Kristen Manguso/Andy Miller** to authorize NWCCOG Council Chair to sign 2020 Audit engagement letter with Clifton Larson Allen.

**Passed: Yes**

#### **Be on the lookout for requests to the 5 counties for Work Group Members for this Joint "Mountain Migration" Project with CAST**

NWCCOG and the Colorado Association of Ski Towns partnered to answer the following question: is the COVID-migration to mountain communities here to stay and, if so, how will relative service needs/priorities be impacted? The objective is to understand observed COVID impacts on mountain communities with households relocating from primary homes elsewhere and part-time residents staying longer and whether impacts may be lasting or if the trend is temporary. The council shared their opinions on important questions/topics that should be included in the survey. NWCCOG plans to send the survey link to our membership in early March 2021 with the goal of producing results by June 2021. Jon asked the council to share this survey with anyone connected with second homeowners that relocated to our communities and those who were impacted by the influx of residents. Jon will send the council a document listing local representatives for the working group.

#### **(Re-) Inclusion of Routt County to NWCCOG Membership in 2021**

Routt County decided to terminate their membership to ADNC and informally approached NWCCOG regarding joining NWCCOG as a member. NWCCOG already serves part of Routt County and Routt was a member from 1972 – 1999 when they asked the governor to change their status. NWCCOG programs continue to serve parts of Routt County with the exception of Vintage and EDD. Some administrative work will be required to make this change and offer Vintage and EDD services in Routt County. If approved, more details regarding their membership will come later.

**M/S: Tamra Underwood/ George Brodin** to direct staff to proceed through whatever means are necessary to accept Routt County as a NWCCOG member, including supporting Routt County in the process, and presenting Council with Amended Articles and Bylaws clarifying relationship of Routt to the Executive Committee, Dues calculations, etc  
**Passed: Yes**

**Presentation: Regional Assessment of Child Care Industry for 2021**

Final draft was emailed to the NWCCOG Council on 01/27/2021. Brian Pool and Laura Sigrist of Government Performance Solutions reviewed the progress and document for the council. Jon asked the council to submit comments by the morning of Wednesday, February 3, 2021.

**Eagle County request for Stakeholder groups to review various portions of the 2021 County Comp Plan. Kris Valdez, Senior Planner Eagle County**

Kris presented the council with background information and the stages of Eagle County's development process. Eagle County is updating their Comprehensive Plan and would like regional representatives to participate in the process. Here is the Project Management Strategy document. If you would like to be on the subcommittee or have any comments, please email Jon: [jstavney@nwccog.org](mailto:jstavney@nwccog.org).

**What should NWCCOG be focused on in 2021? Jon will be applying for the second DOLA annual round in February, due in March, are there specific projects that Council would like to identify for that round?**

NWCCOG will be meeting with members' Finance Directors regarding capitol planning. Tamara Pogue, Summit County, proposed the topic behavioral health infrastructure. There were no other suggestions. Council was fine with Jon submitting based on prior input in 2020 as well as comments at this meeting.

**OTHER ITEMS:**

The updated NWCCOG website is nearing release. The site was constructed to align with NWCCOG Goals, address who we are and the services we provide, highlight staff, provide success stories, and allow more direct access to services.

**Program Updates:**

In packet: <http://nwccog.org/about/meetings/>.

**Member Updates:**

New council members introduced themselves.

**Legislative Updates:**

**Bennet's Office, Matt Kireker** – Sarah McCarthy is the new Western Representative for Hickenlooper and plans to join future NWCCOG meetings. Bennet's office is working to make sure two key programs for wildfire recovery have funding. The appropriations from December 2020 did not provide new money for the burned area emergency response program or the emergency watershed protection program. Bennet's office introduced a bill in December for fire prevention, watershed health, and forest health called the Outdoor Restoration Partnerships Act. They plan to reintroduce in this coming congress. The bill looks at how we be proactive instead of spending on the back end in terms of fighting fires? The hope is to create good jobs in rural America and preserve our land.

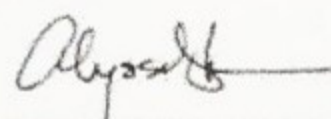
**New Business:**

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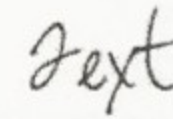
**Adjournment:**

**M/S: Tom Fridstein/Andy Miller** adjourned the NWCCOG Council meeting at 11:58 a.m.

**Passed: Yes**



Alyssa Shenk, NWCCOG Council Chair



Date

6/7/21

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DiAnn Butler, EDD Chair