



# Northwest Colorado Council of Governments

## NWCCOG Council Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2025

### Executive Board Members

Alyssa Shenk – Town of Snowmass  
Patti Clapper – Pitkin County  
Nina Waters – Summit County

### NWCCOG Staff:

Jon Stavney  
Becky Walter  
Anita Cameron – NLF  
Moir Vander Meer  
Jonathan Godes – Grants Navigator  
Greg Ociekpa  
Rachel Tuyn – EDD  
Torie Jarvis – QQ  
Ashley Bembenek – QQ  
Erin Fisher – Vintage  
Nate Speerstra – Energy Program  
Dana Wood – Mobility Program

### Others Present

Jeffrey Woodruff – Pitkin County  
Kristen Brownson – Town of Breckenridge  
Dan Sullivan – Town of Keystone  
Carolyn Tucker – SBDC  
DiAnn Butler – Grand County  
Hilary Henry – Senator Bennet Representative  
Gary Brooks – Town of Avon  
Rita Wolfe  
Thayer Hirsh – Summit Economic Partnership  
Rick Stevens – Town of Basalt  
Britta Gustafson – Town of Snowmass Village  
Kris Mattera – Basalt Chamber of Commerce  
Corry Mihm – Project Works  
Jacob Zook – City of Glenwood Springs  
Tom Boyd – Eagle County  
John Bristol – Routt County  
Tim Redmond – Routt County  
Teagan Serres – Town of Kremmling  
Melissa Matthews – Town of Red Cliff  
Chris Romer – Vail Valley Partnership  
Deputy Chief Dave Brittle  
Commander Ryan Kenny

### **ACTION** Call to Order NWCCOG Council Meeting

Alyssa Shenk, NWCCOG Council Chair, called the Northwest Colorado Council of Governments (NWCCOG) Foundation meeting to order at 10:00 am. Quorum was confirmed with introductions of attendees.

### **ACTION** Approval of December 2024 NWCCOG Council Minutes

M/S: Alyssa Shenk made a motion to approve the December 2024 NWCCOG Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Patti Clapper.

***Passed: Yes***

### **ACTION**: Election of New Officers for the NWCCOG Council Board.

Nona Waters was nominated and elected to the position of Treasurer of the NWCCOG Council, Alyssa Shenk was re-elected to the position of Chair of the NWCCOG Council, and Patti Clapper was re-elected to the position of Vice Chair. All were in favor, no opposed.

***Passed: Yes***

### **Introduction of New Officers of the NWCCOG Council Board**

Jeffrey Woodruff representing Pitkin County, Gary Brooks representing the Town of Avon, and Commissioner Angelica Salinas representing Routt County were welcomed to the NWCCOG Council.

### **ACTION** Election of County Health Pool (CHP) Representative

Council annually appoints representatives for the CHP Health Plan Administrator for NWCCOG, the Town of Walden, and the Town of Kremmling. Jon Stavney and Moira Vander Meer were appointed by the Council to be the CHP representatives for 2025.

***Passed: Yes***

## **Financial Overview**

Becky Walter shared the preliminary 2024 financials, noting a minor increase in other assets and a positive outcome for the elevator program despite challenges. The discussion included a review of the balance sheet and statement of revenues and expenditures, with a focus on the energy program's success. Both the Vintage Program and the Energy Program are on mid-year budget schedules explaining why the financials for both programs appear differently than the rest of NWCCOG. Alyssa made the motion to approve these preliminary financials and Nina Waters seconded.

## **ACTION NWCCOG Council Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Representative Appointment**

The Regional Advisory Council is seeking a new member to discuss aging services, while the Regional Transit Coordinating Council is looking for a chair to oversee its activities. Both positions require attendance at four meetings a year, with flexibility in qualifications for the Transit Council chair. Rick raised concerns about the housing market, particularly regarding baby boomers holding wealth in their homes, which may contribute to housing shortages. The group discussed ageism and a housing needs study that provided over 20 recommendations, inviting Rick to a future meeting for further exploration of these issues. No members were selected from the NWCCOG Council at this time.

## **Update QQ**

Torie presented on the 208-plan overseen by Northwest COG, emphasizing its importance for local governments in ensuring development proposals align with water quality standards. She outlined challenges in updating the plan, which has not been revised since 2012, due to increased scrutiny from the EPA. The group voted to adopt interim policies until a full update is available.

## **ACTION Approval of Adoption of 208 Policies**

Alyssa made the motion to approve the interim 208 Policies until a full update is available. Nina Waters seconded.

***Passed: Yes***

## **ACTION Adjournment of NWCCOG Council Meeting for the NLF Board to Convene**

Alyssa made the motion to adjourn the NWCCOG Council. Nina Waters seconded the motion.

***Passed: Yes***

## **Update: Jonathan Godes Grant Updates and Future Opportunities**

Jonathan provided an update on the CFI grant application, which was not awarded despite positive feedback from federal reviewers. DiAnn emphasized the value of regional collaboration in the application process and expressed hope for future funding opportunities. The group discussed the need for feedback from the scoring committee to improve future applications.

### **Funding Updates and Legislative Developments**

Patti Clapper announced that Pitkin County received a \$2 million raise grant for multimodal planning related to the airport. Hilary Henry updated attendees on \$170 million in funding from the Bureau of Reclamation, which includes \$40 million for Shoshone, and highlighted the need for bipartisan support to secure these funds amid concerns of potential freezes.

### **Discussion on Proposed Bill and Funding Concerns**

Dylan Roberts has proposed a bill that seeks to designate a portion of DOLA's mineral impact fees for specific counties affected by mining. John expressed concerns about the potential impact on funding for other projects, such as broadband, especially for counties that do not have significant mining activities. Tim Redmond provided insights on the funding situation and the challenges faced by smaller communities relying on these funds.

## **ACTION Adjournment**

***M/S: Alyssa Shenk*** made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Patti Clapper seconded. NWCCOG Council Meeting adjourned at 11:51AM

***Passed: Yes***

  
Alyssa Shenk (Mar 27, 2025 00:22 MDT)

Alyssa Shenk, NWCCOG Council Chair

Mar 27, 2025

Date