



# Northwest Colorado Council of Governments

## NWCCOG Council Meeting

December 2, 2021

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

### **Board Members:**

Alyssa Shenk, Town of Snowmass Village  
Tamra Nottingham Underwood, Town of Avon  
Andy Miller, Town of Fraser  
Carolyn Skowyra, Town of Dillon  
Skippy Mesirov, City of Aspen  
Bill Infante, Town of Basalt  
Jeanne McQueeney, Eagle County  
Josh Blanchard, Summit County  
Patty McKenny, Town of Vail  
Jen Ooton, City of Glenwood Springs  
Michelle Eddy, Town of Blue River

### **Others Present:**

Melanie Leaverton, Jackson County Tourism  
Janeth Stangle, Sen. Hickenlooper  
Sally Anderson, Rep. Neguse  
John Whitney, Sen. Bennet  
Matt Kireker, Sen. Bennet  
Greg Winkler, DOLA  
Sara Nadolny, Town of Basalt  
Hogan Peterson, Rep. Boebert  
John Bristol, Steamboat Chamber of Commerce  
Mark Hoblitzell, Colorado Dept of Labor & Employment

### **NWCCOG Staff:**

Jon Stavney  
Talai Shirey  
Nate Walowitz  
Becky Walter  
Rachel Lunney  
Doug Jones  
Erin Fisher

### **Call to Order**

Alyssa Shenk, NWCCOG Council Chair, called the Northwest Colorado Council of Governments (NWCCOG) Foundation Board Meeting to order at 10:01 am. Roundtable introductions were completed, and a quorum was present for the group.

### **Approval of December 2020 Foundation Meeting Minutes**

***M/S: Patty McKenny / Tamra Underwood*** to approve the December 2020 Foundation Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

***Passed: Yes***

### **Approval of 2021 Revised NWCCOG Foundation Budget and 2022 Foundation Budget**

***M/S: Andy Miller/Patty McKenny*** to approve the 2021 Foundation Revised Budget and 2022 Foundation budget as presented.

***Passed: Yes***

### **Adjournment of the NWCCOG Foundation Board Meeting**

***M/S: Jeanne McQueeney / Andy Miller*** to adjourn the NWCCOG Council meeting at 10:04 pm.

### **Call to Order**

Alyssa Shenk, NWCCOG Council Chair, called the Northwest Colorado Council of Governments (NWCCOG) Council Meeting to order at 10:05 am. A quorum was present for the group.

### **Approval of October 2021 Council Meeting Minutes**

***M/S: Tamra Underwood/Andy Miller*** to approve the October 2021 Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

**Passed: Yes**

### **How to find “How to Read NWCCOG Bill Schedule” on website**

Talai Shirey screened shared “How to Read NWCCOG Bill Schedule” located at: <https://www.nwccog.org/member-handbook/>

### **NLF 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financials**

**M/S: Carolyn Skowyra /Patty McKenny** to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financials.

**Passed: Yes**

### **Approval of 2021 Budget Revisions and proposed 2022 Budget**

Jon reviewed the Budget Revision Memo and discussed minor changes from what was in the packet including the additional funds to EIP revenue, Motor Pool budget and Indirect through Energy and EIP staffing.

**M/S: Carolyn Skowyra /Jeanne McQueeney** to approve the 2021 Budget Revisions and proposed 2022 Budget as presented.

**Passed: Yes**

### **2022 Council Members**

There was a discussion about reelecting Officials for 2022 and it was decided to have the current officials serve two years completing their term January 2023.

### **2022 Bylaws**

Revisions to the 2022 Bylaws allowing Member Jurisdictions to appoint staff to serve as representatives and correcting a department name from AAAA to Vintage in various locations. These edits clarify intent from revision approval date at previous meeting.

**M/S: Patty McKenny / Carolyn Skowyra** to approve the revised 2022 Bylaws as presented

**Passed: Yes**

### **DOLA Grants**

Requested vote of approval for Jon Stavney and Nate Walowitz to pursue DOLA grants for CDOT IRU and network architecture upgrades.

**M/S: Bill Infante/ Carolyn Skowyra motion** to approve Jon Stavney and Nate Walowitz to move forward with application to DOLA for the two grants.

**Passed: Yes**

### **Legislative Updates**

John Whitney, Sen. Bennet provided an updated on the Shred Act which was approved through house. Revisions made to win the approval of Senate; the biggest one is that all ski fees will be retained for Colorado, 20% of the overall fees will be kept for nationwide USDA national forests. Also working on securing forestry service funds, again this is in Senate and hope to have this pass.

Janeth Stangle, Sen. Hickenlooper discussed the infrastructure bill which granted 100 million for highspeed broadband to rural areas, low-income families, and tribal communities. Also, the public transit recharge act which invests in charging stations.

Jon clarified the broadband funds; the projects will be ranked through Intermountain TPR ranking and stressed the importance of being involved in TPR. The funding will flow through DOLA with possible zero match for local government.

Matt Kireker, Sen. Bennet confirmed that DOLA will be providing a block grant in approx. 6 months. The Western Water Infrastructure package is at 3 billion. Fire Recovery program received funding for EWP. SRS will receive funding for schools.

Sally Anderson, Rep. Neguse provided update on programs Neguse was able to include in the BIF which is available at : <https://neguse.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-neguse-to-attend-white-house-signing-ceremony-for-the->

[bipartisan-infrastructure-investment-and-jobs-act](#) Please feel free to reach out to Rep Neguse if you need assistance with these grants.

Hogan Peterson, Rep. Boebert discussed possible solutions for Glenwood Canyon including collaboration with CDOT and would like to hear opinions from all. Cottonwood Pass; CDOT has a working mitigation and encourages everyone to stay involved.

Nate Walowitz provided an update on the fiber in Glenwood Canyon which is still out. Looking for a Broadband alternative route which may take another month or longer to resolve.

### **Program Updates**

The usual Program Updates document was not in the packet, skipping update between late Nov and January. Some live updates were provided. Erin met with Routt County to establish the new relationship and discuss upcoming RFP. Vintage is also preparing a request for statewide funding. Jon provided a description of the Transportation Gap Analysis which is available at <https://mtnride.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/2021-Gap-Analysis-Report.pdf>

### **Member Updates**

- Jeanne McQueeney, Eagle County – Appreciated NWCCOG reports and looking forward to collaboration with the upcoming funding.
- Tamra Underwood, Avon - Avon is drafting a recall ordinance and recommends all municipal codes have one. Voters approved additional short-term rental tax of 2%.
- Andy Miller, Frasier – Looking into funding employee housing as the town is currently understaffed by 30%.
- Bill Infante, Basalt – Shared the FT Article regarding Aspenites moving to Basalt and driving up the housing prices. They are encouraging limiting short-term rentals and have purchased bonds which can be used to buy land to develop employee housing and other infrastructure needs. Basalt implemented a tobacco tax in 2019 which has generated significantly more than estimated.
- Josh Blanchard, Summit County - Businesses have been participating in comprehensive housing plan, short term regulations are expected to go into effect soon. The community participation has been robust on both sides. Other success was the fire season – Ptarmigan and Dillon Fires were put out quickly and we continue to have participation in fire mitigation plans. Also working on open space and trails strategic planning.
- Skippy Mesirow, City of Aspen – The Mitigation Report was very useful and thanked NWCCOG for the report. Focusing on the residential sector in 2022.
- Carolyn Skowrya, Town of Dillon - Homewood Suites and the Dillon Health Building were big successes for Dillon his year. Dillon is trying to assist with funding for a large development in Dillon.
- Patty McKenny, Vail –Economic Development team is working with community for feedback on tourism impact on natural resources. Welcoming three new council members. Voters approved tax increase which will assist with housing issues. Breaking ground on 72 deed restricted housing project which will be completed in spring of 2023.
- Alyssa Shenk, Snowmass Village– Approved housing masterplan which will include an all-electric building. Still working on transit center which is currently over budget.

### **Adjournment**

**M/S: Tamra Underwood / Carolyn Skowrya** to adjourn the NWCCOG Council meeting at 11:59 am.

**Passed: Yes**

**Alyssa Shenk**

[Alyssa Shenk \(Jan 11, 2022 13:12 MST\)](#)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Alyssa Shenk, NWCCOG Council Chair

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date






# December 2021 NWCCOG and Foundation Council Minutes

Final Audit Report

2022-01-11

Created:	2022-01-07
By:	Talai Shirey (tshirey@nwccog.org)
Status:	Signed
Transaction ID:	CBJCHBCAABAAcbHf6DtiK8z2IICthweR67hEyKpTU3Kb

## "December 2021 NWCCOG and Foundation Council Minutes" History

-  Document created by Talai Shirey (tshirey@nwccog.org)  
2022-01-07 - 8:56:16 PM GMT
-  Document emailed to Alyssa Shenk (ashenk@tosv.com) for signature  
2022-01-07 - 8:57:03 PM GMT
-  Email viewed by Alyssa Shenk (ashenk@tosv.com)  
2022-01-11 - 8:10:35 PM GMT
-  Document e-signed by Alyssa Shenk (ashenk@tosv.com)  
Signature Date: 2022-01-11 - 8:12:28 PM GMT - Time Source: server
-  Agreement completed.  
2022-01-11 - 8:12:28 PM GMT