



Northwest Colorado Council of Governments

NWCCOG Council Meeting

May 26, 2022

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

Council Board Members Present:

Alyssa Shenk, Town of Snowmass Village
Thomas Fridstein, Town of Snowmass Village
Skippy Mesirow, City of Aspen
Tamra Nottingham Underwood, Town of Avon
Patti Clapper, Pitkin County
Kristen Brownson, Town of Breckenridge
Sara Nadolny, Town of Basalt
Ernie Bjorkman, Town of Grand Lake
Michael Buccino, City of Steamboat Springs
Matthew Langhorst, City of Glenwood Springs

Others Present:

Christina Oxley, CDLE
Chris Fabian, ResourceX
Denise Taylor, ResourceX
David Reynolds, Summit County
Melanie Leaverton, Jackson County
Leslie Edwards, Town of Frisco
John Bristol, Routt County

NWCCOG Staff:

Jon Stavney
Doug Jones
Rachel Tuyn
Erin Fisher
Talai Shirey
Nate Walowitz
Anita Cameron

Call to Order

Alyssa Shenk, NWCCOG Council Chair, called the Northwest Colorado Council of Governments (NWCCOG) meeting to order at 10:00am. Roundtable introductions were completed, and a quorum was present for the group.

Approval of March 2022 Council Meeting Minutes

M/S: Patti Clapper/Tamra Nottingham Underwood to approve the March 2022 Council Meeting Minutes as presented
Passed: Yes

Approval of 2021 NWCCOG 1st Quarter Financials

Jon presented the NWCCOG 1st Quarter Financials including the list of expenditures. For the benefit of new members, Jon explained Council fiscal responsibilities, where to find the "How to Read a Bill Schedule" and a description of the different departments operating expenses. There was one question regarding the cost of a Lowe's charge which Doug confirmed was an appliance for the Energy Department. NLF financials were not included in the packet and do not require a vote.

M/S: Patti Clapper/Thomas Fridstein to approve the NWCCOG 1st Quarter Financials for NWCCOG as presented
Passed: Yes

EDD Summit and Broadband Summit

Alyssa Shenk thanked NWCCOG for the EDD Economic & Broadband Summit and presented the NLF Client Profile Report.

Energy Budget Review/Forecasting for the purchase of warehouse

Doug provided requested details on the Energy budget, forecasting and purchase of the new Eagle warehouse. He went over the memo and budget detail pages in the packet. The Energy Department has grown in the past 5 years from a \$1M/year WAP program to \$4.3M/year diversified program including CARE and CIP. Continued growth through HB1105 and SB231 will greatly increase the WAP program over the next four years. Additionally, CARE and ReEnergize programs are growing along with others. The Energy program services 13 regions of which the Eagle warehouse will work as a HUB. The space in Silverthorne and New Castle are both rented spaces and are not ideal locations. There was a discussion regarding hiring and retaining staff; through Facebook, Energy has been growing staff constantly and continues to receive excellent candidates applying for positions. Housing for employees continues to be a concern but

not a major issue for his staff. Jon confirmed that Doug has a great system that can handle the rapid employee growth needs. There were no questions or concerns voiced from Council and no action required.

Recognition of Greg Winkler, DOLA

Jon presented the NWCCOG Regional Broadband 10 Year Report highlighting the success stories in which Greg Winkler, who is retiring from DOLA, was an incredible partner. Over the past 10 years, DOLA has invested over \$37M which was matched by Region 12 communities and partners making the Broadband program successful. The NWCCOG Regional Broadband 10 Year Report was well received at Mountain Connect in Keystone and Brandy Reiter will provide the report to the Governor. The NWCCOG Broadband program has received local and nationwide recognition and support.

NWCCOG 2022 Regional Survey of Budgeting Practices

Jon presented the results from the Budget Survey by screen sharing the newly published report and reviewing the highlights. The 2022 Regional Survey of Budgeting Practices Report was created from a DOLA checklist which NWCCOG sent out as a survey to member municipalities. The results were compiled into this Report providing comparisons for local government allowing a closer look at budgeting practices and policies. Other survey questions included disaster planning, software/enterprise resource planning and demographics. The full NWCCOG 2022 Regional Survey of Budgeting Practices Report is available at: <https://www.nwccog.org/programs/member-services/reports/> Hard copies will be mailed out to each jurisdiction with a cover letter requesting input on possible follow up research. Jon also was seeking input on whether a cohort of NWCCOG Member Jurisdictions were interested in applying for a DOLA grant to go through a process with ResourceX to explore shifting to Priority Based Budgeting practices.

Presentation ResourceX

Jon Stavney introduced Chris Fabian and Denise Taylor with ResourceX who work with local governments to rethink budgeting. Chris Fabian presented Priority Based Budgeting for 21st Century Budgeting. Communities who are interested in ResourceX presentations may contact Denise Taylor dtaylor@resourcex.net.

Upcoming DOLA Grant – August

Not intending on the mini grant this year. If anyone has ideas, please reach out to Jon. He discussed some preliminary concepts. Input will be needed prior to the July meeting so Jon can prepare the grant submittal in August.

Director Updates

Torie Jarvis is now with Barbara Greens firm and will remain Director of NWCCOG Water Quality/Quantity Committee.

Mountain Towns 2030

Breckenridge is hosting Climate Solutions Summit 2022 and NWCCOG has been requested to sponsor the event. A discussion was had regarding NWCCOG sponsorship, no one opposed and NWCCOG will budget for a Community Sponsorship of \$3000. A number of members said that their entire councils attended the previous conference in Park City and were “very energized” by it. The consensus was for NWCCOG to sponsor at that level.

Regional Advisory Council (RAC) Grant Review for Vintage

Erin presented the recommendations for SFY 22-24 funding which includes contracting 5 new providers of which 1 is from Routt.

Program Updates

Program updates are provided in each packet for review. Instead of reading through each update, members can review and contact Jon with questions.

New Business

A discussion was had about having the July and October meeting in person. There was some interest in meeting in-person but concern for hybrid meetings. The August meeting may need to be rescheduled; in which case it was requested that Council be notified as soon as possible to avoid schedule conflicts.

Adjournment

M/S: Patti Clapper/Skippy Mesirow adjourned the NWCCOG Council meeting at 11:58 a.m.

Passed: Yes

Alyssa Shenk, NWCCOG Council Chair

Date