



Northwest Colorado Council of Governments

NWCCOG Council Meeting

August 24, 2023

Council Members Present:

Alyssa Shenk, Town of Snowmass Village
 Chico Thuon, Town of Avon
 Glen Drummond, Town of Basalt
 Sara Ott, City of Aspen
 Jeanne McQueeney, Eagle County
 Dianne McBride, Town of Frisco
 Tim Redmond, Routt County
 Josh Blanchard, Summit County
 Larry Pardee, Town of Eagle
 Chris Oxley, NWCO Workforce
 Kristen Brownson, Town of Breckenridge
 Ashely MacDonald, Town of Kremmling
 Britta Gustafson, Town of Snowmass Village
 Patti Clapper, Pitkin County
 Ben Kleimer, Red Cliff
 Sara Nadolny, Town of Basalt

Others Present:

Matt Kireker, Sen. Bennet's Office
 Kealy Ellis, OEDIT
 Bill Schenk, Summit County Recycling Program
 Jena Skinner

NWCCOG Staff:

Jon Stavney
 Becky Walter
 Anita Cameron
 Talai Shirey
 Rachel Tuyn
 Doug Jones
 Greg Ociepa

Call to Order

Alyssa Shenk, NWCCOG Council Chair, called the Northwest Colorado Council of Governments (NWCCOG) meeting to order at 10:02 am. Roundtable introductions were completed, and a quorum was present for the group.

Special Presentation

Sara Ott, CIRSA Board of Directors and Aspen City Manager, provided a special recognition to Northwest Colorado Council of Governments for our Outstanding Loss Control Program. Jon thanked Talai for her leadership in managing NWCCOG's Safety and Wellness programs! Go NWCCOG!

Approval of July 2023 Council Meeting Minutes

M/S: Patti Clapper/Josh Blanchard to approve the July 2023 Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

Passed: Yes

2nd Quarter Financials

Jon reviewed the 2nd Quarter financials and reminded members where to find the financial code legend on the Council webpage. There was a question regarding approval of credit card purchases which Jon explained are approved by managers via expense reports.

Anita discussed the Colorado State portal issues which are preventing reimbursement for NLF. Previously the reimbursement process took about 60 days; NLF is currently floating over \$1M in funding. Council discussed sending a second letter to the FRC, Jon will follow up with Julie McCluskey.

M/S: Jeanne McQueeney/Chico Thuon approve the NWCCOG Q2 Financials as presented.

Passed: Yes

NLF Reports for Review

It's been a busy year despite the higher interest rates; some of the opportunities are still related to COVID-19. The NLF 10-year anniversary is coming up in October; there will be a celebration in Silverthorne visiting local NLF client shops and restaurants.

Goals and Objectives

Goals and Objectives are presented to Council every two years for approval. The Member Service G&O were presented at the July meeting where a few updates were requested. Goal 2 has one grammatical error which will be corrected before posting. The remaining Programs G&O are available in the packet for review.

M/S: Kristen Brownson/Tim Redmond approve the 2024 Goals and Objectives as presented with correction of grammatical error.

Passed: Yes

NWCCOG Mission Statement

Jon suggested updating the NWCCOG Mission Statement which feels outdated. Jon, along with several NWCCOG Program Directors and Managers, proposed options for re-wording the Statement. Alyssa shared ideas on the NWCCOG Mission Statement and suggested that the Statement include only the Who, the What and the Why. Anyone who is interested in sharing ideas may email to Talai before the October meeting where the final, refined Mission Statement will be recommended. Alyssa to provide suggested edited version.

2024 Proposed Member Dues

Jon explained that NWCCOG Member Dues should be approved per the Bylaws at the July Council meeting before upcoming jurisdiction budgeting. At the July Council meeting, it was requested by members to have the vote at the August meeting so they may discuss increase with jurisdictions. A 7.9% increase was recommended from the calculations after population and valuations were imputed with no change to the multiplier.

M/S: Patti Clapper/Tim Redmond to approve the 2024 Proposed Member Dues.

October Budget Workshop

Jon proposed the 24th or 25th of October for the Budget Workshop, which is a deep dive into the NWCCOG Budget. Jon and Becky will provide a line-by-line of the 2024 Budget; any questions or suggested revisions will be made before presenting the final Budget at the December Council Meeting for approval from Council. Alyssa will confirm date with Carolyn and an invitation will be sent out to anyone who wants to join.

Executive Director Review

Alyssa will send out a DoodlePoll to the Executive Committee for a date to discuss Executive Directors annual review. The Evaluation Form will be sent out to the Executive Committee. The review with ED typically takes place prior to the October Council meeting and the review is shared at the October Council meeting.

Proposition 123 State Affordable Housing Fund

Robyn DiFalco with DOLA provided a presentation on Prop 123. Technical Assistance is being provided through October 2023 via webinars, small work groups and by request. Contact Andy Hill 303-864-7725 or Robyn DiFalco 720-682-5202 for additional information. More information available at: engagedola.org/prop-123

New Business

- There was a discussion regarding moving the August meeting to September to better accommodate summer travel, Water Congress and CAST; it was agreed to make the change for 2024.
- Rachel Tuyn applied for a grant regarding the Community Metrics Project Survey which Jon and Insights Collective will start if/when grant received.
- Rachel has also been working on the updated Housing Report which will be available in September.
- NWCCOG, QQ and CAST have been attending CML Housing Legislation meetings. The Governor has stated that he will be pushing forward with his Housing Initiative. The State is requesting feedback, If you have any feedback or questions please reach out to Jon.
- Josh Blanchard has accepted a position with Colorado Creative Industry through OEDIT and will leave his seat as County Commissioner on September 1st. Josh will be missed at NWCCOG!
- Jon is still the interim RTCC Mobility Manager, no timeline yet on the job posting for Mobility Manger as we are waiting on feedback on CDOT Grant.

Summit County Strong Futures – SCRAP Recycling Program

10/19
Josh Blanchard and Bill Schenk provided a presentation on SCRAP Recycling Program which received funding from ballot approved Strong Futures initiative. The recycling facility accepts hard to recycle items, food scraps, glass and mattresses. Bill invites anyone who would like to tour the Summit County facility or to contact him with any questions.

Member Updates

Patti Clapper, Pitkin County - Focusing on housing, airport and transportation. Sen. Bennet was in town for a community dinner, it was a great time for Pitkin to meet with State Representatives.

Chico Thuon, Town of Avon- Working on fire mitigation, received a national certification that may help with not only possible wildfires but also homeowner insurance. Town of Avon is finally hooking up to Project Thor!

Josh Blanchard, Summit County – Received Housing Needs, post COVID assessment; there is still need for workforce and mid-income housing. If anyone is interested in seeing the draft, you may reach out to Josh. Also, last month Summit County visited Park City to see their micro-transit, last mile operation and have hired a contractor to review the needs in Summit County.

Tim Redmond, Routt County Working with Water Congress and Sen. Hickenlooper regarding home owner insurance issues as Colorado is now rated #2 for wildfire exposure. Sen. Hickenlooper committed to finding a resolution to this situation, Tim will follow up with additional information. Routt County has redone Master Plan and is now working through land use codes which will include uniform development code.

Jeanne McQueeney, Eagle County Happy to hear the Unita Basin decision! Eagle County is working on the new regional transit authority including a new name. Applied for a DOLA grant for regional housing assessment. Working on a new contract with a business that promises sustainable aviation fuel from land trash. Eagle County early childhood tuition assistant program has been a huge success!

Glenn Drummond, City of Glenwood Enjoyed Basalt River Park grand opening with live music, huge success. Hoping to have a new childcare center opening. Approved a domestic abuse shelter which should be up and running within a year, the first shelter in the Roaring Fork area.

Kristin Brownson, Breckenridge Finishing up the International Arts Festival. Completing water rights teared system which will hopefully encourage conservation. Employee housing is a huge priority. E-bike program over the summer was a huge success and hope to expand next summer. Fiber line being installed through Project Thor.


Britta Gustafson, Town of Snowmass Busy summer replacing culverts on primary roads. A large development was stopped due to a woolly mammoth being found; it left a large hole in a local pond; Snowmass was rewarded with a large mammoth to show outside of town center . JAS starting up in a week.

Diane McBride, Town of Frisco Development contract in place to create rental workforce units over the next few years. Also working with the Forest Service on an analysis for recreation and wildfire mitigation funding. Town of Frisco's new Engineer is working on updating fiber.

Adjournment

M/S: Patti Clapper /Josh Blanchard adjourned the NWCCOG Council meeting at 11:39AM

Passed: Yes


Alyssa Shenk (Nov 30, 2023 17:20 MST)

Alyssa Shenk, NWCCOG Council Chair

Nov 30, 2023

Date







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