



# Northwest Colorado Council of Governments

## NWCCOG Council Meeting

July 6, 2023

### **Council Members Present:**

Alyssa Shenk, Town of Snowmass Village  
Tim Redmond, Routt County  
Josh Blanchard, Summit County  
John Bristol, Routt County  
Corry Mihm, Summit Chamber  
Kristen Brownson, Town of Breckenridge  
Michael Buccino, Steamboat Springs  
Ashely MacDonald, Town of Kremmling  
Britta Gustafson, Town of Snowmass Village  
Patti Clapper, Pitkin County  
Randy George, Grand County  
Geoff Grimmer, Town of Eagle  
Ben Kleimer, Red Cliff  
Sara Nadolny, Town of Basalt

### **Others Present:**

Matt Kireker, Sen. Bennet's Office  
Janeth Stangle, Sen. Hickenlooper  
Chris Cares, RRC  
Sam Hellwege, CLA

### **NWCCOG Staff:**

Jon Stavney  
Becky Walter  
Jonathan Godes  
Anita Cameron  
Talai Shirey  
Rachel Tuyn

### **Call to Order**

Patti Clapper, NWCCOG Council Vice 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 May 2023 Council Meeting Minutes**

***M/S: Josh Blanchard/Sara Nadolny*** approve the May 2023 Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

***Passed: Yes***

### **NLF Reports for Review**

NLF Reports are available in the packet for review. It's been a busy year! No questions were asked.

### **Annual Planning Meeting**

Reminder that August is NWCCOG planning meeting where Council shares ideas for 2024. The next NWCCOG Council meeting is on August 24<sup>th</sup> and all are invited to attend in person at the Silverthorne NWCCOG Conference Room. Jon reviewed the proposed 2024 Member Service Program Goals which he had proposed edits in highlighted language or strikethrough; he updated the Mission Statement to include the different programs NWCCOG runs. There was a conversation on edits for 2024 including expanding the fee for service; Council will further review and be prepared to discuss/approve at the August meeting. Provide input then or before to Jon.

### **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. A 7.9% increase was recommended from the calculations after population and valuations were input with no change to the multiplier which Jon thanked Becky for preparing. They discussed and felt that the dues should increase because of increases in costs for 2024 including the Audit, COLA, etc. There was a conversation regarding a possible decrease in member dues should the economy have a downturn. Assessments are currently very high; it was encouraged to have further discussion regarding valuation/population at a future Council Meeting. Jon confirmed that NWCCOG is prepared to adjust as economy requires. It was decided that various members present would bring the proposed dues to their jurisdiction for review and can come to the August meeting prepared to vote. Jon offered that if any jurisdiction needs a deeper dive into the structure they will reach out to Jon before the August meeting.

### **Call to Order Joint Meeting with NLF**

Patti Clapper, Northwest Loan Fund Council Vice Chair, called the Northwest Loan Fund (NLF) meeting to order at 10:20 am.

### **2022 Audit Presentation**

Sam Hellwege with CLA presented the Final Financial Statement which is available on the Council webpage:

<https://www.nwccog.org/about/people/our-council/council-resources/>

The Financial highlights provide a brief overview and are available on page 7 of 58.

The Statement of Net Position – Increase in Capital Assets due to new Right to Use Lease Agreement regulation.

Balance Funds available on page 17 provide an overview of the major programs.

Compliance and Other Matters –

The Northwest Loan Fund and Vintage were subject to individual compliance audits. These programs were selected at random.

Significant Deficiencies identified in Compliance Audits:

BEECH (Energy Program) – Simply revenue recognition issue due to timing terms of BEECH agreement. Note: the main grant was reported correctly.

CDBG (NLF) – 2022 Performance Reports were not prepared due to broken State of Colorado portal. NLF has contacted the State of Colorado regarding the broken report portal and will submit reports as soon as possible.

CDBG (NLF) – Part of the expenditures were placed in 2022 when they should have been placed in 2021 however this was also due on part to the State of Colorado broken portal and late release of funds.

Aging (Vintage) – Employee underpaid, and grant undercharged for one payroll. Fiscal has worked on the payroll process via QB to ensure this is not a repeat deficiency in 2023.

There were no questions on the Financial Statements.

Sam reviewed the Final Governance Communication which is available on the Council webpage:

<https://www.nwccog.org/about/people/our-council/council-resources/>

Sam also provided best practice for Information Technology System and Segregation of Duties with regards to QB and Weatherization Inventory reconciliation process and control. Jon confirmed that both of these recommendations are being reviewed by NWCCOG Directors and new processes are being put in place.

There were no questions or comments.

**M/S: Tim Redmond/ Josh Blanchard** approve the 2022 Audit as presented.

**Passed: Yes**

### **Close Joint Meeting with NLF**

Patti Clapper, Northwest Loan Fund Council Vice Chair, closed the Northwest Loan Fund (NLF) meeting to order at 11:04 am

**M/S: Sara Nadolny/Kristen Brownson**

**Passed: Yes**

### **Community Metrics Survey Project**

Jon introduced the Community Metrics Survey Project based on the marketing vs. managing conversation at the May Council Meeting. He noted that at that meeting Council authorized him to move forward on the project, use matching funds and apply for grants to fund additional work. Since then a Draft survey went out and was responded to. Chris Cares walked through a PPT of the survey results and input was received about how to edit final survey.

Chris with RRC presented the NWCCOG Community Metrics Survey 2023 which is available on the Council webpage:

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NWCCOG would like feedback from the Council to launch the larger survey, are there any additional questions that the survey should include? It was recommended to consider other local resident surveys, perhaps NWCCOG can check with members to ensure that residents do not receive several different polls. Recommended polling questions to add:

Are you happy living in this community?

Homeownership question – if the home is rented or owned may skew the data. (own, rent, utilize lodging)

Email Jon Stavney with any further suggestions.

General consent was to continue with this regional survey.

## **Regional Housing Report**

With the assistance of CAST, Rachel is updating the 2019 report. The report will include 47 communities (towns/counties). Jurisdictions will be asked to help highlight their community. Rachel would appreciate input from members by August.

## **Legislative Updates**

Matt Kireker, Sen. Bennet's Office – Bead funding from the Infrastructure Act will provide \$826M to Broadband; this may provide matches for Project Thor. Shelter Act, bi-partisan bill, is being introduced to help communities and homeowners with fire mitigation/natural disaster preparedness. Bennet's office has met with the Forest Service and will follow up soon with next steps for the Farm Bill. Dolores and Core Acts are moving to hearing soon; possible for the SHRED Act to be included.

Janeth Stangle, Sen. Hickenlooper –Dept. of Interior \$45.5M in funding for Colorado. Broadband Equity and Access funding \$826M. Hickenlooper sent letter to Dept. of Labor requestion to accelerate work visa application process to help with workforce needs. Also working for Connect for Health Act which will extend telehealth. Prepare Act will be reintroduced; establishing a group that will help steer Federal Government to legalize cannabis, It was recommended that NWCCOG should not provide a LOS for the Prepare Act; local communities may support individually.

Reminder of the Infrastructure Summit in Breckenridge on July 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **Adjournment**

***M/S: Sara Nadolny /Josh Blanchard*** adjourned the NWCCOG Council meeting at 12:05 p.m.

***Passed: Yes***

## **America 250/Colorado 150 Commission**

Katie Roach presented a listening session for the upcoming 250/150, please provide feedback to

[Katie.roach@state.co.us](mailto:Katie.roach@state.co.us) or

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1xpDdjE0pmGZnVI\\_2brM6hoPbWfjK5XyXytO8rBL74Nc/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1xpDdjE0pmGZnVI_2brM6hoPbWfjK5XyXytO8rBL74Nc/edit)



[Patti Clapper \(Dec 3, 2023 23:23 MST\)](#)

Patti Clapper, NWCCOG Vice Council Chair

**Dec 3, 2023**

Date







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