



WSACE Board of Director's Meeting

August 21, 2024

2:30PM

Attendees

- ☒ Doug McCormick (Snohomish) – President
- ☒ Tony Garcia Morales (Walla Walla) – President-Elect
- ☒ Susan Eugenis (Cowlitz) – Secretary/Treasurer
- ☐ Vacant - Western District Representative
- ☒ Craig Erdman (Franklin) – Eastern District Representative
- ☒ Drew Woods (CRAB) – CRAB Deputy Director
- ☒ Matt Pietrusiewicz (Yakima) – NACE Director-at-Large
- ☒ Scott Yaeger (Adams) – Past President
- ☐ Letticia Neal (Pierce) – Past President
- ☐ Mark Storey (Whitman) – Past President
- ☒ Josh Thomson (Okanogan) – Past President
- ☒ Axel Swanson – WSACE Managing Director

1. Call to Order

Doug McCormick, President

The meeting was called to order at 2:36 pm

2. Approval of July Minutes

Doug McCormick, President

Craig Erdman moved to approve the minutes and Scott Yaeger seconded the motion. There was no one opposed to the motion.

3. Public Comment

Doug McCormick, President

None

4. Western District Representative Appointment

Board Members

A discussion was held about the Western District Meeting to recommend a replacement for the Western District Representative. There were two candidates considered by the ten counties in attendance. Both candidates presented a statement and then the members held a discussion. The region decided to recommend Grace Kane as the Western District representative. The group was Impressed with Geoff Soderquist and want to continue to find ways keep him involved.

Tony Garcia Morales moved to appoint Grace Kane as the Western District Representative and, Craig Erdman seconded the motion. No one opposed motion carried

5. WSACE/WSAC Legislative Priority

Axel

WSAC priorities for this year includes transportation legislative authority for transportation funding options. They are trying to focus the priority. Axel working with committee to shape the conversation. Once finalized will share with Board to fit into Engineer's agenda versus whole association.

6. Conference Planning

Axel/Doug

- Annual Conference Location

Direction

Working on finalizing the location currently Inigo on Everett waterfront is the preferred location. It is a new facility in walking distance many restaurants/bars. Preconference golf is being planned

- County Leaders Planning

Direction

Thursday – JTC meeting is scheduled. Pam Digman NACE president elect going to be there on Wednesday the 20th and is a potential speaker. Email Axel ideas of what items want to include. Ideas that were presented included disaster preparedness talk from Pam (gave excellent presentation at NACE), and permit streamlining.

7. Managing Director's Report

Axel Swanson

- Study Projects/Work Groups

Information/Direction

Working with Jay Drye of WSDOT Local Programs on work projects and studies. The WDFW inventory contract budget was increased.

Work Force development Study progressing with \$80K to UW transportation and BRPLES to do same work. Meeting are being held to combine efforts to complete one study for all entities.

CRAB Board meeting in Port Angeles which went well. A site visit was made to the bridge project over Elwah River.

8. Round Table

Board Members

Tony – Provided a report on the Snake River dams committee. Goal is to bring recommendations to governor what the effects to transportation system by removing dams. (Craig also). Trying to determine the magnitude of cargo that the transportation system must carry if the dams are removed. The wheat growers are saying the removal of the dams will cause the wheat industry to fail due to the increased cost of transportation and reduced availability of irrigation water.

Josh brought up the issue of trying to buy trucks sellers due to the climate commitment act.

A brief discussion was held about the new CRAB requirements.

9. Adjourn

3:38

Doug McCormick, President