

WSACE Board of Director's Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2024

2:30PM

Attendees

- □ Doug McCormick (Snohomish) President
- Susan Eugenis (Cowlitz) − Secretary/Treasurer − left at 3:45
- ☐ Grace Kane (Skagit) Western District Representative
- ☐ Craig Erdman (Franklin) Eastern District Representative
- ☑ Drew Woods (CRAB) CRAB Deputy Director left at 3:30
- Scott Yaeger (Adams) − Past President − arrived 3:30
- □ Letticia Neal (Pierce) Past President left at 3:30
- ☐ Mark Storey (Whitman) Past President
- ☑ Josh Thomson (Okanogan) Past President

1. Call to Order

Doug McCormick, President

2:31

2. Approval of August Minutes

Doug McCormick, President

Revised to add meeting minutes Matt moved to approve as corrected. Craig seconded. Carried unanimously.

3. Public Comment

Doug McCormick, President

None

4. President-Elect Vacancy

Board Members

Tony Garcia has left Walla Walla County so the president-elect position is vacant. Bylaws states that Secretary/Treasurer succeeds as President Elect. This would have Susan Eugenis move up to President elect following the bylaws. Secretary/Treasurer requires an appointment. Long discussion of how to proceed with the position movement moving forward. Matt Pietrusiewicz moved that Susan Eugenis become the President Elect. It was moved to have Craig Erdman to become the Secretary/Treasurer. With those two changes, the Eastern Representative Position is now vacant. Axel Swanson will work to start fill the East Side Representative.

5. WSACE/WSAC Legislative Priority

Axel

WSAC recommended transportation funding as a priority for this legislative session. Axel created a priority recommendation document to LSC which was briefly reviewed. A discussion was held about the Road Usage Charge. CRAB is planning on requesting the establishment of a local access grant program from the State Legislature.

6. Conference Planning

Axel/Doug

County Leaders Planning

Direction

The deposit for the annual conference at Indigo in Everrett, week of June 9th has been paid. Work is ongoing on the County Leaders conference agenda. The first and last day generally work themselves out. Axel has a short list of possible topics for Wednesday.

7. Managing Director's Report

Axel Swanson

• Study Projects/Work Groups

Information/Direction

Senate Transportation Meeting, staff reported that Climate Commitment act is 9% of WSDOT budget. If this goes away will need to find a way to replace this revenue. Work Group Meeting of Procurement and permitting streamlining was held this week. Route jurisdiction update is proceeding but unsure what the outcome is going to be.

WSACE studies – working scope of work with UW scope of work for workforce study.

8. Round Table Board Members

EVs (josh) – trying to order plow trucks and can't buy diesel trucks because of CA requirements. Must sell one electric truck prior to being able to sell eight diesels. Are others having same issue. Electric trucks will not be able to run 12 hours and are too heavy for plow and sand. Result of WAC 173-423-070 Section 2 (F) (iii) (3). Axel is going to explore further.

Franchise Fees (Grace) – King County, Snohomish is looking at to go towards road fund. Skagit working on having fees included and directed to road fund. Island County looking at. Discussion of Zipply. Franchise best practice as a possible topic at the County Leaders Conference.

9. Adjourn

Doug McCormick, President