

**COLUMBIA RIVER COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MEETING MINUTES
EAST WENATCHEE, WA
07/09/2026**

Members Present –Kevin Overbay, Dan Sutton, Mike Garza

Members Participating by Zoom – Cindy Carter, Nick Timm

Staff Present – Bruce Buckles, Ken Sterner, Erin Nelson, Diane Tribble, Colton Peterson, Nicole Buak, Abby Mitchell

Guests Present – Meagan Williams, Union Employee Representative, Tom Cash, Union Representative

Meeting – Kevin Overbay called the Columbia River Council of Governments (COG) meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment – None

Minutes – Dan Sutton moved to approve the minutes from the June 11th and June 18th, meetings. Mike Garza seconded, and the motion carried.

Budget & Expenditures – Expenditures were reviewed for May 2026. Mike Garza made a motion to approve the expenditures. Dan Sutton seconded, and the motion carried.

The following voucher/warrants/electronic payments are approved for payment:

	Total
Voucher (Warrant)	
Numbers: 74647-74729	\$408,871.59
Payroll Warrant	
Numbers: DD25837-DD25953	\$294,759.75
Electronic Payments	
Dates: PRT5, DRS9, DRS10	\$159,000.92

New AC Members – Jose Garcia of Adams County and Joel Jahn of Lincoln County were approved as new members of the Advisory Committee. Mike Garza vouched for Jose Garza as he knows him and shared that Jose is very active in the Othello community. Mike Garza made a motion to approve the new AC members. Dan Sutton seconded, and the motion carried.

Equipment Disposal – Ken Sterner reviewed the Equipment List for Disposal. Kevin Overbay made the recommendation to check with NCW Tech Alliance. Dan Sutton made a motion to declare surplus and dispose of the equipment. Mike Garza seconded, and the motion carried.

Personnel Update – Nicole Buak reviewed the personnel update.

Executive Director's Report – Bruce Buckles thanked all present. He acknowledged challenges with inflation. He appreciated the good faith efforts of everyone in providing for the labor management agreement.

Erin Nelson went over the 2027-2030 Area Plan survey results.

Ken Sterner shared that RSVP under the Chelan/Douglas Community Action has lost funding affecting the SAIL program which is a program that teaches exercises for fall prevention.

A brief discussion was had about the MAC/TSOA program being on pause since November due to a \$6 million budget deficit. Kevin Overbay requested more information be provided.

Executive Session – None

Meeting Adjourned – Dan Sutton moved to end the meeting at 1:53p.m. Mike Garza seconded, and the motion carried.

Next Meeting – The next meeting will be on August 13th, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.