

**COLUMBIA RIVER COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MEETING MINUTES
EAST WENATCHEE, WASHINGTON
September 1, 2011**

Members Present – Andy Lampe, Rob Coffman, Rudy Plager, Ron Walter via phone.

Staff Present – Bruce Buckles, Lisa Bozett, Valerie Graber, Tammy Hauff, Erin Nelson

Guests Present – Tom Cash, Union Representative; Linda De La Cruz, Staff Representative, Linda McMaster, Rita Comer, Geneva McCoy Jardine, Les Richardson, Ashley Holten, Nancy Thorn, Brandi Brett, Kathy Wright, Sue Riley, Bill Riley, Gwyneth Thorsen, Stacy Salley, Ellen Warren.

Andy Lampe called the Columbia River Council of Governments (COG) meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Public Comment – none

Guest Speaker – Cathy Knight, W4A – Economic Initiative Presentation

Action Items:

Minutes – *Rudy Plager moved to approve the meeting minutes from August 4, 2011. Rob Coffman seconded and the motion carried.*

Budget & Expenditures – Checks 53500 – 53628, EFTPS 7 & 8, DRS 13 & 14

Rob Coffman moved to approve the expenditures as listed. Rudy Plager seconded and the motion carried.

A/C Applications – There were two applications recommended by the Advisory Committee. Linda Finlay from Moses Lake and Judy Main from East Wenatchee applied to represent Grant County and Douglas County respectively. Rudy moved to approve the two applicants. Rob Coffman seconded and the motion carried.

Area Plan Budget – Linda McMaster explained how we had been prioritizing discretionary funding. Three public hearings were held and there were over 100 people in attendance but no comments. A plan summary with issue areas was presented to A/C members and then the A/C recommended that we forward the summary to the COG. Rudy Plager moved to accept the area plan summary and move forward. Rob Coffman seconded and the motion carried.

Discussion Items:

Quarterly Reports – Quarterly reports were reviewed.

Personnel Update – Personnel updates were included in the meeting packet. There were two changes. The mental health ombudsman position will be replaced. Also, the volunteer director of WishMasters passed away so if you know of anyone who might be interested let Bruce know.

Rob Coffman moved to adjourn, Rudy Plager seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2:41 p.m.