

**COLUMBIA RIVER COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MEETING MINUTES
EAST WENATCHEE, WA
01/12/2023**

Members Present – Cindy Carter, Kevin Overbay, Marc Straub, Rob Coffman, Mike Garza now representing Adams County

Staff Present – Bruce Buckles, Erin Nelson, Ken Sterner, Josh Hamilton

Guests – Christine Johnson: Union Employee Representative

Meeting – Cindy Carter called the Columbia River Council of Governments (COG) meeting to order at 1:35 pm.

Public Comment – None

Minutes – Kevin Overbay moved to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2022, meeting. Rob Coffman seconded, and the motion carried.

Budget & Expenditures – Expenditures were reviewed for November 2022. Checks 70683-70755, DD20725-DD20837, DRS21-2022, DRS22-2022, PRT12-2022, VOID #70740. Marc Straub made a motion to approve the expenditures for checks. Kevin Overbay seconded, and the motion carried.

Other Business - The Proposed 2023 Meeting Calendar was approved by all attending Commissioners. It was noted that Kevin Overbay and Marc Straub will not be attending on March 9th, 2023.

Executive Director's Report – Bruce Buckles briefly discussed the impact on the staff shortages in healthcare. Josh Hamilton shared an update about moving AACCW's in-house data systems to the Cloud. This will provide a measure of security that previously didn't compare. Ken Sterner discussed our December staff meeting, the topic was active shooter and how to be aware of surroundings and develop a plan. This is helpful not only in the office setting but for those staff who are out in the field making home visits. Bruce also shared that food security continues to be a concern especially in the Omak area now that NW Harvest isn't supplying food anymore. There is a possible solution coming in February to address this issue.

Kevin Overbay made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:18 p.m. Marc Straub seconded, and the motion carried.

Next Meeting - The next meeting will be on February 9th at 1:30 p.m.