COLUMBIA RIVER COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS MEETING MINUTES EAST WENATCHEE, WA 02/09/2023

Members Present – Kevin Overbay, Marc Straub, Rob Coffman Mike Garza participated by Zoom.

Staff Present – Bruce Buckles, Tammy Harvey, Erin Nelson, Ken Sterner, Debbie Peterson, Diane Tribble, Josh Hamilton

Guests – Christine Johnson: Union Employee Representative

Meeting – Kevin Overbay called the Columbia River Council of Governments (COG) meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

Public Comment – None

Minutes – Rob Coffman moved to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2023, meeting. Marc Straub seconded, and the motion carried.

Budget & Expenditures – Expenditures were reviewed for December 2022. Checks 70756-70863, DD20838 – DD20951, DRS23-2022, DRS24-2022, PRT13-2022, PRT14-2022, VOID #70760-70761. Rob Coffman made a motion to approve the expenditures for checks. Marc Straub seconded, and the motion carried.

Personnel Update – Tammy Harvey reviewed the personnel update.

Executive Director's Report – Our agency is still experiencing growth. We plan to add 2 additional staff positions. Bruce talked about the E. Wenatchee office staff meeting today and all appears well. HB1784 was mentioned, it will provide funding to AAA's solely for senior nutrition services. Our agency is doing well in terms of the QA from DSHS. Kevin Overbay asked Bruce to share anything he has heard about an initiative where funding will be going to counties for senior centers and senior services, however no discussion yet on where the state funding would come from.

Kevin Overbay presented Josh Hamilton with a Challenge Coin from Chelan County in appreciation of his time spent with the Incident Command Team meetings during COVID.

Rob Coffman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:45 p.m. Marc Straub seconded, and the motion carried.

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