

**COLUMBIA RIVER COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MEETING MINUTES
EAST WENATCHEE, WA
05/11/2023**

Members Present – Cindy Carter, Kevin Overbay, Marc Straub, Mike Garza, Chris Branch

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

Guests – Christine Johnson: Union Employee Representative; Tom Cash, Union Representative

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

Public Comment – None

Minutes – Marc Straub moved to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2023, meeting. Mike Garza seconded, and the motion carried.

Budget & Expenditures – Expenditures were reviewed for January, February and March 2023 checks. Kevin Overbay made a motion to approve the expenditures for checks. Marc Straub seconded, and the motion carried.

AC Applications for Approval – AC applications were reviewed for Ivan Schultz and Carol “Kay” Williams. Kevin Overbay made a motion to approve the applications. Cindy Carter seconded, and the motion carried.

Surplus Equipment Disposal – The equipment list for disposal for April 2023 was reviewed. Marc Straub made a motion to approve the equipment for disposal. Mike Garza seconded, and the motion carried.

Personnel Update – Tammy Harvey reviewed the personnel update.

Quarterly Reports – Quarterly reports for 4th quarter 2022 had been reviewed by COG members prior to the meeting. Time was provided to answer any questions.

Monitoring Report – Erin Nelson and Christine Johnson reviewed the monitoring report.

Executive Director’s Report – Bruce Buckles discussed challenges post-Covid. He acknowledged AACCW’s staff hard work during that time. Ken Sterner discussed how the agency purchased 2,800 emergency meal buckets with Hunger Relief Funding. The emergency buckets will be distributed throughout the region in coordination with Chelan/Douglas Community Action and Community Services of Moses Lake. Cindy Carter acknowledged the “unsung heroes”, and agency staff for their hard work during Covid.

Kevin Overbay made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:15 p.m. Mike Garza seconded, and the motion carried.

Next Meeting - The next meeting will be on June 8th at 1:30 p.m.