

## COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

The Island County Council of Governments met in Special Session on October 26, 2011 in the Island County Commissioner's Hearing Room at 1 NE 6th Street, Coupeville, Washington. The meeting was called to order by Chair Nancy Conard at 8:15 a.m.

*The Council of Governments Minutes and recordings of meetings may be located at <http://www.islandcounty.net/commissioners/documents/2011/2011COG.html>*

**Members Present:** Nancy Conard, Mayor, Town of Coupeville  
Angie Homola, Island County Commissioner  
Helen Price Johnson, Island County Commissioner  
Paul Samuelson, Mayor, City of Langley  
Jim Slowik, Mayor, City of Oak Harbor  
Benye Weber, Commissioner, Coupeville Port

**Members Absent:** Curt Gordon, Commissioner, Port of South Whidbey  
Kelly Emerson, Island County Commissioner

**Also Present:** Walt Blackford, Puget Sound Energy  
Don Amor, Puget Sound Energy  
Kit Maret, Puget Sound Energy  
Linda Anderson, Puget Sound Energy  
Bob Petersen, County Planner  
Brooke Powell, Superior Court  
Rufus R. Rose, Old Goats  
Marilyn Abrahamson, FAIRS  
Kathie Meyer, Whidbey Examiner

Chair Conard introduced Donna Carter who will provide administrative staff support for this meeting on behalf of the Port of Coupeville.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Commissioner Weber moved to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting September 28, 2011. Commissioner Price-Johnson seconded. By unanimous motion the minutes of the Regular Meeting September 28, 2011 were approved.*

### **APPROVAL OF SUSTAINABLE WHIDBEY COALITION VOUCHER**

Chair Conard distributed a copy of the voucher for the consulting services, expenses and supplies provided by Britt Conn, in the amount of \$1,493.07, a voucher for Kyle Lancaster a consultant who is helping to promote the Whidbey Green Seal Program in the amount of \$500.00 and partially funded by the grant received from Whidbey Island Bank and a voucher for Derek Long the Honarium Speaker for the Sustainable Economy Workshop on November 2<sup>nd</sup> in the amount of \$400.00 funded by the Whidbey Island Bank grant.

*Mayor Samuelson moved to approve payment of the vouchers and Commissioner Homola seconded. There was no discussion. The motion carried unanimously.*

## **PUGET SOUND ENERGY UPDATE – WALT BLACKFORD**

Walt Blackford, Community Services Supervisor of Puget Sound Energy along with Don Amor and Kit Maret also with Puget Sound Energy gave an update on their storm planning and their five year level of service. A Power Point presentation was given by showing the progress on System Average Interruption Duration Index and System Average Interruption Frequency Index.

## **LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES 2012**

COG members stated their legislative priorities. Commissioner Emerson submitted her legislative priorities recommendations by email to the COG members and to be put into the record. The present COG members stated their legislative priorities and also placed their priorities into the record with distributing copies to the present COG members. Chair Conard recommended discussing the priorities as a group and then marking the items that were agreed upon collectively and placing those items at the top of the list. Beginning with Mayor Slowik discussions began with some priority items being duplicated on other COG member's lists. After discussion, it was determined Chair Conard would make a list with above and below the line items that were discussed here and send this out to the COG members for review and recommendations for the top 5 items.

## **SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER COG MEETINGS:**

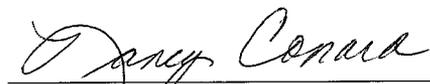
Chair Conard reminded everyone that Representative Norma Smith and Representative Barbara Bailey would be here to discuss the legislative priorities on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. and Senator Mary Margaret Haugen would be here for the same purpose on December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. These meetings will replace the regular November and December meetings of the COG.

## **OTHER ITEMS OF MUTUAL INTEREST**

The COG discussed how administrative support for the COG will be handled for the November and December. The City of Langley will take responsibility for the meetings on November 9 and December 14.

As there was no further business, Chair Conard adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Dated this 9th day of November, 2011.

  
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