

**ISLAND COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS – REGULAR SESSION
MAY 22, 2013**

The Island County Council of Governments met in regular session on May 22, 2013 in the Commissioners' Hearing Room 102B, located at 1 NE 6th St., Coupeville. The meeting was called to order by Chair Nancy Conard at 9:04 a.m.

The Council of Governments Minutes and recordings of meetings may be located at <http://www.islandcounty.net/commissioners/cog/2013/>

Members Present: Nancy Conard, Mayor, Town of Coupeville
Helen Price Johnson, Island County Commissioner
Jill Johnson, Island County Commissioner
Curt Gordon, Commissioner, South Whidbey Port District
Fred McCarthy, Mayor of Langley

Members Absent: Kelly Emerson, Island County Commissioner
Scott Dudley, Mayor, City of Oak Harbor
Benye Weber, Commissioner, Coupeville Port District

Also Present: Ron Nelson, Island County Economic Development Council
Angie Mosier, Port of South Whidbey

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Nancy Conard called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Price Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Gordon to approve the minutes of the April 24th, 2013 regular meeting. The April 24th, 2013 meeting minutes were approved.

SUSTAINABLE WHIDBEY COALITION

Vouchers for Sustainable Whidbey Coalition were provided. It was moved Mayor McCarthy and seconded Commissioner Johnson to approve the SWC vouchers.

RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDS –Project Updates

Angie Mosier, Port of South Whidbey

In 2008, the Port of South Whidbey applied for Rural Economic Development Funds for the South Whidbey Harbor Project, grant was approved in 2009. Construction on this project has just begun due to permitting issues.

Handout given to COG: South Whidbey Harbor RCEDF Invoice Projections Bar Graph

The Port of South Whidbey plans to apply for a Boating Infrastructure Grant for the area. The project is anticipated to be approximately 2.5 million dollar project. Commissioner Price Johnson wanted to clarify the economic growth projections.

Jeff Arango, City of Langley

In 2005, the City of Langley applied for the Wharf Street Widening and bank stabilization project. In 2012, the City of Langley requested the funds be redirected to a funicular project dealing with transport up the hill from the marina.

UPDATED FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR FUND

Elaine Marlow, Budget Director

The Budget Director went over the fund balance and cash projections with the COG. Commissioner Gordon wanted to clarify budget numbers with the budget director.

Commissioner Price Johnson brought up the idea to consider these funds to work on the Comprehensive Plan Update for Economic Development. Commissioner Price Johnson would also like the Budget Director to confirm the sunset date for the funds.

REVIEW APPLICATION FORM FOR RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDS

Mayor Conard reviewed the draft application for Rural Economic Development funds and suggested that the COG use the application presented.

CONSIDER CALL FOR PROJECTS

It was moved by Mayor Conard and seconded by Commissioner Gordon to make a recommendation to the Board of Island County Commissioners to make a call for Rural Economic Development Funds with a deadline of October 1, 2013 for projects.

REVIEW OF CRITERIA FOR USE OF FUNDS (RCW 82.14.370)

2016 ISLAND COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Brad Johnson, Island County Planning

Will Simpson, Island County Planning

Keith Higman, Island County Interim Planning Director

Island County Planning Department discussed the importance of the Island County Comprehensive Plan and using population as a factor. Interim Planning Director recommends updating the countywide planning policies. Commissioner Gordon requested that the Island County Planning Department to meet with the South Whidbey Port District. The Planning Department will make a commitment to attend and have staff participation to future COG and Board of County Commissioners meetings to insure that they department stay on top of the issues. Commissioner Johnson would like the COG to pay attention to the target dates and the likelihood that those dates will be reached. The Planning Department responded that the dates are recommended are soft dates due to possible delays that may arise. The Planning Department was thanked for all their hard work by the COG.

OTHER ITEMS OF MUTUAL INTEREST

Commissioner Gordon brought up the idea of brainstorming in regards to coming up with a program to encourage the community to support in local businesses and the positive effects it has on the local economy. This is being considered by the SWV as a project.

Commissioner Johnson mentioned possible mentoring opportunities to grow local businesses and strengthening connections and the local economy.

Commissioner Gordon shared a comment from the community that there is an interest in volunteering.

Commissioner Price Johnson discusses the noise impact of the Whidbey Island Naval OLF jet noise and the effects of having the noise. Mayor Conard and Commissioner Price Johnson will be sending out a press release to set up a town meeting to hear the communities concerns and stories and the impact on the community.

Mayor McCarthy shared that there will be a walking tour of the bluffs in Langley on May 29th, 2013 and a workshop at the Methodist church from 12-4pm.

AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

June	Cancelled
July	Island County Comprehensive Plan and Schedule

Chair Conard adjourned the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

Dated this 22nd day of May, 2013.



Approved