



WSACE Board of Director's Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2022

2:30pm

Attendees

- Letticia Neal (Pierce) – President
- Scott Yaeger (Adams) – President-Elect
- Doug McCormick (Snohomish) – Secretary/Treasurer
- Vacant** – Western District Representative
- Tony Garcia (Walla Walla) – Eastern District Representative
- Drew Woods (CRAB) – CRAB Deputy Director
- Vacant** – NACE Director-at-Large
- Josh Thomson (Okanogan) – Immediate Past President
- Mark Storey (Whitman) – Acting NACE Director-at-Large
- Axel Swanson – WSACE Managing Director

- **Call to order** Letticia Neal, President
 - Quorum Confirmed 6 of 8 present, (5 board members needed to constitute a quorum)

- **Approval of June minutes** Letticia Neal, President
 - Scott moved and Josh seconded to approve the June 6, 2022 minutes. Motion passed.

- **Managing Director's update** Axel Swanson
 - DOE Bridge Washing Permit Comments Information
 - Discussed response from DOE on WSACE comments, essentially the comments were brushed off by the Agency.
 - IJJA JTC Workgroup Letter Information
 - Axel shared the letter sent from the Workgroup to the Joint Transportation Committee. The Workgroup has had 3 meetings to date and Axel is preparing a report to submit to the Board, there has been limited success in increasing the share to local agencies.
 - WSAC Legislative Update Information
 - 3 of 6 proposals have moved forward
 - Protecting Public Works Assistance Account
 - Pursuing a federal fund exchange program
 - And funding of fish barrier removals
 - Another goal in this session is to create a WSACE representative sit on the Road Usage Charge committee.
 - Broadband Workgroup Update Information
 - Third meeting of this group will be in August, WSACE is represented by Aaron Simmons, CE of Douglas County and Nicholas Oniskey with Pierce County PW.

- **Subcommittees** Direction
 - NACE Greenbook – Axel to coordinate with Matt Pietrusiewicz, CE Yakima County on comments.
 - Legislative Issues – Review of WSACE priorities, need to reps from Exec. Committee and 2 from the membership. Doug and Tony will represent the Exec. Committee, Axel will solicit names for 2 representatives from the membership.
 - Past Presidents Committee – will meet to discuss agenda, one item is welcoming new County Engineers.
 - Professional Development Committee – Scott Yeager work on the agenda for the next Professional Development Conference with Jessica Strozewski, WSAC.
 - Study Money Committee – one more year remaining in current biennium, there is a need to look ahead at the next biennium and develop a list for consideration for use of these funds.
- **Gavel Box Engraving** Direction
 - New plaque on side with smaller font and revised orientation
- **Appointment of Board Members** Board Members

This item was move to the first order of business on the agenda to accommodate conflicting schedules. A summary from the Western District Meeting will be included in the August Board package
- **NACE Director-at-Large** Direction
 - Matt Pietrusiewicz, CE Yakima County was presented to the Board to fill the NACE Director-at-Large. Motion was made by Josh, seconded by Scott and approved by the board.
- **Western District Representative** Direction
 - Doug gave a brief overview of the WSACE Western District meeting held at 1 pm on 7/20/2022 to evaluate candidates and make a recommendation to the board for appointment. Two candidates were considered, Susan Eugenis, CE Cowlitz County and Geoff Soderquist, Asst. CE Lewis County
 - Susan Eugenis, CE Cowlitz County was recommended to the Board to fill the Western District Representative position. Motion was made by Josh, seconded by Tony and approved by the board.
- **Conference planning** Board Members
 - **County Leaders/JTC** Discussion
 - Will be held in Renton in November, need to consider meeting times for WSACE.
 - **Professional Development** Discussion
 - February timeframe, location TBD, Scott and Letticia will discuss.
 - **Annual Conference** Discussion
 - Letticia will work with Jessica Strozewski, WSAC.
- **Round table** Board Members
- **Adjourn** Letticia Neal, President
 - Scott moved and Letticia seconded to adjourn at 3:22 pm. Motion passed