



*For Washington Counties, By Washington Counties*

**Board of Directors' Meeting  
Via Zoom Meeting  
Wednesday, October 21, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

The Washington Rural Counties Insurance Program conducted their October 21, 2020, Board of Directors meeting via Zoom.

Chairman Stevens opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

**ITEM 1 – INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL:**

Board members participating: Scott Hutsell, Lincoln County Commissioner; Richard Stevens, Grant County Commissioner; Howard Hambleton, Ferry County Commissioner; Rex Johnston, Klickitat County Commissioner; Michael Largent, Whitman County Commissioner; Dan Cothorn, Wahkiakum County Commissioner, and Charles Whitman, Asotin County Commissioner. Also participating from the Administration Office: Jenni Bates, Rich Moore, Frank Andrus, Phil Riche, Becca Kirsch, Ellen Kosa, Rachel Huffman, Angela Eloff, Tammy Wiersma, Dave Kosa, Mark Sherwood, and Blair Kok representing Clear Risk Solutions. Also attending was Attorney Paul Rosner from Soha & Lang.

**ITEM 2 – ADDITIONS:**

Additions to the agenda were called for. There were none.

**ITEM 3**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the August 28, 2020, meeting was presented. Motion by Hutsell to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Johnston, motion carried.

**ITEM 4**

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:**

Andrus gave an overview of the items listed on the Voucher Summary.

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer, as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense Reimbursements and certified claims as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing, which has been made available to the Board.

As of this date, October 21, 2020, the Board approves for payment the fiscal committee vouchers included in the list provided and further described as follows: September 2020 Voucher #19/20-10 in the amount of \$110,930.16, and October 2020 Voucher #19/20-11 in the amount of \$255,159.63. Motion Hutsell to approve all vouchers and summaries as presented above; second by Whitman, motion carried.

**ITEM 5– FINANCIAL REPORT:**

E. Kosa gave an overview of the income statement and balance sheet dated 8/31/2020. The solvency test was also discussed showing the WRCIP passed.

The bank statements and transfers were also reviewed by the full Board to date. Motion Hutsell to approve the bank statements and transfers as presented. Second by Largent, motion carried

**ITEM 6 - STEVENS COUNTY APPEAL:** Additional information was provided by Stevens County to the WRCIP Board of Directors. The WRCIP Board discussed the additional information that was provided. After the review of the additional information, Chairman Stevens, along with their Attorney Paul Rosner

called for an Executive Session to discuss possible litigation. Chairman Stevens called for an Executive Session at 10:50 a.m. for 30 minutes to discuss possible litigation with the Board, Clear Risk Management, and coverage council Paul Rosner under RCW 42.30.110.

At 11:20 a.m. Chair Stevens called the meeting back to order and announced the following information: The Board will be voting in regard to the discussed Potential Bad Faith Claim filing by Stevens County Commissioners. A motion by Hutsell directed the Clear Risk Solution staff to begin negotiations with the Steven County Commissioners and their legal counsel regarding the potential litigation. The intent of this negotiation will be to avoid costly litigation and hopefully arrive at an agreed settlement for both parties. Second by Largent, motion carried. Roll call was taken, and all Board members voted in approval.

**ITEM 7**

**FISCAL YEAR 20/21 BUDGET AND RENEWAL REPORT:**

Moore presented the final budget and Renewal packet to the Board in detail. Motion by Johnston to approve the final budget and renewal packet as presented, second by Hambleton, motion carried.

**ITEM 8 – NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for March 17, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Jenni Bates

  
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Richard Stevens, Chairman