



For Washington Counties, By Washington Counties

Board of Directors Meeting MINUTES October 23, 2024 – 9:00 A.M.

The Washington Counties Risk Group (WCRG) Board of Directors conducted a regular meeting via Zoom on October 23, 2024, at 9:02 a.m.

ITEM 1: INTRODUCTION & ROLL CALL

<u>Board Member Name:</u>	<u>Board Member Entity:</u>	<u>Attendance:</u>
Scott Hutsell	Lincoln County Commissioner	Present
Cindy Carter	Grant County Commissioner	Present
Michael Largent	Whitman County Commissioner	Present
Charles Whitman	Asotin County Commissioner	Present
Justin Dixon	Garfield County Commissioner	Present
Marty Hall	Columbia County Commissioner	Present
Gregory Young	Stevens County Commissioner	Absent – Mark Burrows representing
Gene Strong	Wahkiakum County Commissioner	Absent
Robert Dean	Ferry County Commissioner	Present
Tom Lannen	Skamania County Commissioner	Absent – Asa Leckie representing

Clear Risk Solutions:

Wes Crago	Becca Kirsch
Jessika Tempel	Blair Kok
Frank Andrus	Mark Sherwood
Byron Riche	Rob Hill
Rick Templeton	Steve Whetstone
Peter Wyatt	Angela Eloff
Patti Ferguson	Rachel Hufman
Lisa Holterhoff	

Guests:

Shane Heston – Broker, Acrisure
 Mark Burrows – Stevens County Commissioner
 Andrew Flabetich – Broker, HUB International
 Asa Leckie – Skamania County Commissioner
 Kristi Zinn – Columbia County HR Director
 Tom Handy – Whitman County Commissioner
 Sara Slack – Skamania County HR Administrator *(Joined at 9:14 a.m.)*

Hutsell welcomed all in attendance and noted that a quorum was present.

ADDITIONS/CHANGES

- i. None.

ITEM 2: EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION

- ii. None.

ITEM 3: CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda items were reviewed by all board members. Hutsell called for a motion on all consent items. Largent moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and seconded by Dean. With all in favor and none opposed, the motion passed.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

- i. Approval of Minutes (September 27, 2024)
- ii. Approval of the Claims Vouchers (October 2024)
- iii. Approval of Bank Statements (August 2024, September 2024)



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ITEM 4: PUBLIC HEARING & INPUT

- i. None.

ITEM 5: BOARD RESOLUTIONS

- i. None

ITEM 6: ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

- i. Officer Elections – Chair, Vice Chair, Fiscal Officer
Tempel discussed with the Board of Directors that it is that time of year again to open it up for officer positions, and to make sure board members wanted to continue in their current positions or if there were any other board members interested in a specific position. The Board of Directors voted to keep the same officers for another year. Scott Hutsell for Chair; Hutsell called for a motion. Largent moved to approve as presented and seconded by Dixon. With all in favor and none opposed, the motion carried. Cindy Carter for Vice Chair; Hutsell called for a motion. Hall moved to approve as presented and seconded by Whitman. With all in favor and none opposed, the motion carried. Gregory Young for Fiscal Officer; Hutsell called for a motion. Burrows moved to approve as presented and seconded by Dean. With all in favor and none opposed, the motion carried.
- ii. Discuss Draft WCRG Mission Statement
 - a. Crago discussed the draft WCRG Mission Statement. He added that CRS staff is going to work on a final draft to send out to the Board of Directors for review/feedback soon. There were no questions, and no motion was needed.
- iii. State Supreme Court to Review of ‘Anderson v. Grant County’
 - a. Crago discussed a claim that came through that ended up at the Supreme Court regarding an inmate death and how the county would not be held fully responsible due to the circumstances of the claim. As a result, the Supreme Court overturned it. CRS staff reported the Supreme Court opened the claim back up and there will be future discussion on this. There were some questions about when the hearing would be scheduled, and CRS staff informed the board that we are not sure on timing as of now. There were no additional questions, and no motion was needed.
- iv. WCRG 2024-2025 Preliminary Budget
 - a. Crago discussed the WCRG 2024-2025 Preliminary Budget and overall, the budget has increased 11.1%. He mentioned to keep in mind that this is the overall increase, and the percentage provided can be higher or lower based on any coverage or exposure changes and on the member loss ratio and to keep in mind that the budget percentage provided is a pool average. He went through budget line items and mentioned there is a new annual aggregate deductible. Templeton added when you look at the new annual aggregate deductible that it is adding another layer. Crago explained how this is common, but new for us. He also discussed how CRS staff will continue to refine the preliminary budget in the next couple of months and will go through the final budget at the January Board meeting. Hutsell called for a motion to approve the WCRG 2024-2025 Preliminary Budget. Dixon moved to approve as presented and seconded by Whitman. Hutsell called for any discussion and hearing none thanked staff for their hard work on this. With all in favor and none opposed, the motion carried.
- v. WCRG 2024-2025 Preliminary Renewal Report
 - a. Hill discussed the WCRG 2024-2025 Preliminary Renewal Report. He noted that CRS staff marketed to multiple carriers for coverage and after review the staff's recommendation would be to continue with expiring carrier Munich RE and HSB. He noted a couple coverage changes and wanted to remind the Board that by approving this report Clear Risk Solutions is authorized



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to bind coverage with these carriers on the pool's behalf. There were some coverage questions from the Board pertaining to cyber, all questions were answered. With no additional questions or concerns, Hutsell called for a motion to approve the WCRG 2024-2025 Preliminary Renewal Report. Whitman moved to approve as presented and seconded by Dean. With all in favor and none opposed, the motion carried.

ITEM 7: EXECUTIVE REPORT

- i. Administrator Report – Andrus and Templeton thanked the Board for their time and how nice it is to see everyone again. Andrus mentioned a few Clear Risk Solutions (CRS) teammates were not able to attend the meeting today because they are meeting with excess carriers. He also talked about the great partnership we have with Munich RE with this renewal and really appreciates the partnership with WCRG and CRS. Templeton appreciated the Boards discussion on cyber and how staff wants to make sure we are delivering the service you want. Reminded the Board that looking at the pool as a pool of champions. Crago talked about upcoming meetings and thanked the Board for their leadership and partnership. Hutsell thanked the CRS staff and added that he values the relationship with the staff and how it is very important to be good partners.

ITEM 8: UPCOMING MEETINGS

- i. November 20, 2024 – Fiscal Meeting via Zoom
- ii. December 18, 2024 – Fiscal Meeting via Zoom

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jessika Tempel".

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Scott Hutsell, Chairman