



Board of Directors Meeting

MINUTES

April 30, 2025 – 9:00 A.M.

The Washington Counties Risk Group (WCRG) Board of Directors conducted a regular meeting via Zoom on April 30, 2025, at 9:00 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
Tom Handy	Whitman County Commissioner	Present
Charles Whitman	Asotin County Commissioner	Present
Justin Dixon	Garfield County Commissioner	Absent
Marty Hall	Columbia County Commissioner	Present
Montgomery Stobart	Stevens County Commissioner	Present
Gene Strong	Wahkiakum County Commissioner	Present
Robert Dean	Ferry County Commissioner	Present
Brian Nichols	Skamania County Commissioner	Present

Clear Risk Solutions:

Wes Crago	Becca Kirsch
Jessika Tempel	Brian Turnbull
Frank Andrus	Claire Hanberg
Rick Templeton	Jenny Gunderson
Mary Mirante Bartolo	Zac Berryman
Peter Wyatt	Angela Eloff
Patti Ferguson	Rob Hill
Lisa Holterhoff	Steve Whetstone
Dave Kosa	Rachel Huffman

Guests:

Andrew Flabetich – Broker, HUB International
Blair Kok – Grant County Risk Manager

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

ADDITIONS/CHANGES

- i. None.

ITEM 2: EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION

- i. None.

ITEM 3: CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda items were reviewed by all board members. Hutsell called for a motion on all consent items with scholarship applications approved up to \$1,000. Dean moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and seconded by Whitman. With all in favor and none opposed, the motion passed.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

- i. Approval of Minutes (January 23, 2025)
- ii. Approval of the Claims Vouchers (February 2025, March 2025, April 2025)
- iii. Approval of Financials

ITEM 4: PUBLIC HEARING & INPUT

- i. None.

ITEM 5: BOARD RESOLUTIONS

- i. None

ITEM 6: ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

- i. Retreat Discussion
 - a. Tempel discussed upcoming September board retreat/meeting and how it will be held in Leavenworth, Washington at Icicle Village Resort. She noted that there will be more information on time as we get closer to the retreat, but it will look the same as years past. There were no questions and no motion was needed.
- ii. New Commissioner introduction
 - a. Crago introduced the new commissioner representative from Stevens County, Commissioner Montgomery Stobart. Staff and the board welcomed Commissioner Stobart. There were no questions and no motion was needed.
- iii. Appoint Fiscal Officer
 - a. Crago discussed how there is a Fiscal Officer position now open due to Commissioner Greg Young no longer being on the board. He opened it up to the board for nomination and voice vote for Fiscal Officer. Hall nominated Tom Handy to be appointed new Fiscal Officer. Hall moved to approve as presented and seconded by Whitman. With all in favor and none opposed, the motion carried.
- iv. PSA Update
 - a. Crago discussed with the Board of Directors, staff, and guests that it's a state law and good common business practice for the board to go out for TPA/PSA. He discussed the process and how there is a board committee to review all submissions and then that committee will make a recommendation to the full board. He answered questions and reminded everyone that this is the board's process and RFQ not CRS. With no questions or concerns from the Board, Hutsell called for a motion to direct staff to go out for RFQ for advertisement on the board behalf. Whitman moved to approve as presented and seconded by Handy. With all in favor and none opposed, the motion carried.

ITEM 7: STAFF REPORTS

The following items were discussed, and updates were given regarding the following topics. All questions were answered, and no action was taken.

- 1. Underwriting
- 2. Marketing
- 3. Pre-Litigation Program
- 4. Claims
- 5. Membership & Retention
- 6. Financial
- 7. Risk Management & Zywave
- 8. Communications

ITEM 8: EXECUTIVE REPORT

- i. Administrator Report
 - a. Andrus, Templeton, and Crago thanked the Board for their partnership and how nice it is to see everyone again. Andrus discussed how the RFQ is a great opportunity to have staff show on behalf of this program what CRS does. Templeton updated the Board on how staff have been busy working on rates and meeting with the markets to help build those relationships. He thanked the board for their work with staying risk management focused and how the financials are looking good for year end and continuing to build up that equity to keep stabilization for the future. Turnbull discussed how staff have been working with value proposition and continuing to look at other counties. Crago talked about how staff is looking at two different law enforcement partners in the next couple of months and hoping to make a recommendation for what partner the WCRG Board should consider at the upcoming July meeting. He talked about how June staff will be continuing to meet with carriers to build those relationships and discuss early stages of renewal.

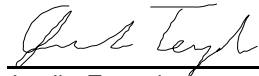
ITEM 8: UPCOMING MEETINGS

- i. May 21, 2025 – Fiscal Meeting via Zoom at 9:00 AM
- ii. June 18, 2025 – Fiscal Meeting via Zoom at 9:00 AM
- iii. July 23, 2025 – Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom at 9:00 AM

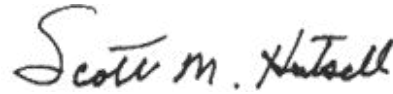
MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jessika Tempel



Scott Hutsell, Chairman

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