

Board of Directors Meeting

MINUTES

July 23, 2025 – 9:00 A.M.

The Washington Counties Risk Group (WCRG) Board of Directors conducted a regular meeting via Zoom on July 23, 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	Present
Marty Hall	Columbia County Commissioner	Present
Montgomery Stobart	Stevens County Commissioner	Present
Gene Strong	Wahkiakum County Commissioner	Absent
Robert Dean	Ferry County Commissioner	Present
Brian Nichols	Skamania County Commissioner	Present

Clear Risk Solutions:

Wes Crago	Becca Kirsch
Jessika Tempel	Claire Hanberg
John McMillian	Jenny Gunderson
Mark Sherwood	Zac Berryman
Frank Andrus	Angela Eloff
Rick Templeton	Phillip Doehle
Mary Mirante Bartolo	Rob Hill
Pete Wyatt	Byron Riche
Patti Ferguson	Dave Kosa
Lisa Holterhoff	

Guests:

Andrew Flabetich – Broker, HUB International
Blair Kok – Grant County Risk Manager
Aaron Ambrose, Lexipol
Alec Henderson, Benchmark Analytics
Shane Heston – Broker, Acrisure
Sara Slack – HR Administrator, Skamania County

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 (April 30, 2025)
- ii. Approval of the Claims Vouchers (May 2025, June 2025, July 2025)
- iii. Approval of Scholarship Applications (Stevens County, Ferry County)
- iv. Approval of Financials

ITEM 4: PUBLIC HEARING & INPUT

- i. None.

ITEM 5: BOARD RESOLUTIONS

- i. None

ITEM 6: ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

- i. CRS Recommendation to Law Enforcement Partner / Presentations
 - a. Crago reported to the Board of Directors, staff, and guests that staff has been exploring two potential law enforcement partners, as securing law enforcement coverage has been increasingly difficult. Staff has been working to identify solutions that could change this trend for the pool. One program provides proactive mental health support for officers, aiming to address issues before incidents occur and the other is more on the agency level. He discussed that staff is looking to find solutions focusing on encouraging positive behavior, enforcing best practices, and ultimately improving rates and reducing costs. Healthier officers are expected to perform more effectively in the field. The two potential partners – Lexipol and Benchmark Analytics – are both well-known to the organization and use a highly data-driven approach. Crago discussed that the staff's recommendation would be to enter into partnerships with both and seeks the Board's approval to enter negotiations with both entities.

Ambrose from Lexipol presented and all questions were answered. Henderson from Benchmark Analytics presented and all questions were answered. With no additional questions or concerns from the Board, Hutsell called for a motion to enter a partnership with Benchmark Analytics. Nichols moved to approve as presented and seconded by Hall. With all in favor and none opposed, the motion carried. Hutsell called for a motion to enter a partnership with Lexipol. Dixon moved to approve as presented and seconded by Whitman. With all in favor and none opposed, the motion carried.
- ii. Gray v. Grant County Claim Discussion
 - a. Andrus provided an update on the Gray v. Grant County dog bite claim from 2019. Hutsell commented that this is an unfortunate situation and an example of an issue resurfacing to affect the pool. Andrus noted that the claims team has been actively tracking the matter. There were no questions and no motion was needed.
- iii. Audit Results
 - a. Tempel informed the Board of Directors that the exit conference meeting was held a couple of weeks ago and resulted in a clean audit with no findings. She noted that this year it was both accountability and financial audits. She also expressed appreciation to the Board and the accounting team for their work on the audit. There were no questions and no motion was needed.
- iv. PSA/Broker Selection
 - a. Crago discussed the PSA/TPA and broker selection, noting that a motion would be needed to enter into an agreement. He reported that a Board committee – Hutsell and Whitman – met a couple of weeks prior to review both proposals. Hutsell stated that there were two proposals submitted, both

strong, but one didn't fully meet the qualifications for the PSA/TPA. He stated that the committee recommends continuing with Clear Risk Solutions (CRS) for PSA/TPA and broker services going forward. With no questions or concerns from the Board, Hutsell called for a motion to select CRS for PSA/TPA. Dixon moved to approve as presented and seconded by Carter. With all in favor and none opposed, the motion carried. Hutsell called for a motion to select CRS for broker services. Hall moved to approve as presented and seconded by Carter. 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. Turnbull, Templeton, and Crago thanked the committee for their work and recommendation regarding the PSA/TPA and broker services. Andrus added that staff really appreciates the partnership. Templeton introduced a new teammate Phillip Doehle, who will be working on data analytics. Crago discussed upcoming meetings, thanked the Board for their support on the PSA/TPA again.

ITEM 8: UPCOMING MEETINGS

- i. August 20, 2025 – Fiscal Meeting via Zoom at 9:00 AM
- ii. September 24-26, 2025 – Board Retreat / Meeting in Leavenworth, WA
- iii. October 22, 2025 – Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom at 9:00 AM

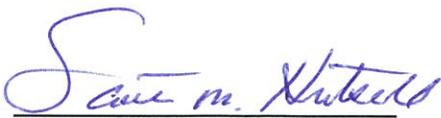
MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jessica Tempel



Scott Hutsell, Chairman