



# Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council

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## KRCC Board Meeting Summary

v. 1/10/2024

**Date: December 05, 2023**

Time: 2:15 pm – 4:15 pm

Hybrid meeting with in-person participation at Norm Dicks Government Center Chambers and remote participation via Zoom

Decisions		
The KRCC Board approved:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The 11/7 Board meeting summary</li> <li>Vouchers 23-17 - 23-18</li> <li>Nominations for 2024 KRCC Chair and Vice Chair</li> <li>2024 KRCC dues</li> <li>Annual Annexation Report</li> </ul>		
Actions	Who?	Status
Follow-up with Commissioner Garrido’s request for guest speaker at KRCC 2024 workshop on homelessness and housing.	KRCC Staff	Complete
Follow-up on Commissioner Rolfes’ question on roundabouts on SR 305.	KRCC Staff	Complete
KRCC staff to send calendar invitations for all 2024 meetings	KRCC Staff	Complete
Follow-up on future meeting presentation by the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency.	KRCC Staff	Complete

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

KRCC Chair/Bremerton Mayor Greg Wheeler welcomed the Executive Board to the hybrid meeting and read a land acknowledgment that Kitsap Peninsula is home of sovereign Indian nations, namely the Suquamish and Port Gamble.

### 2. Chair’s Comments

- Chairman Wheeler noted that this is the last KRCC meeting of 2023 and his last Board meeting as Chair and acknowledged that it been an honor to serve KRCC this year. The Chair allowed some guests in the audience to come forward and provide some brief comments and updates at the state and federal level:

State Sen. Drew MacEwen

- The Senate completed its Assembly Days, which involved preparing for the short 60-day session. Sen. MacEwen encouraged KRCC members to track the supplemental state capital budget during the session. He requested that KRCC members share their highest and most pragmatic requests, aiming for under \$1M. He expressed appreciation for serving Kitsap and offered to be resource to KRCC Board members.

### Stephanie Hahn – Rep. Kilmer’s Office

- Rep. Derek Kiler is not running for another term and his focus is to channel funds into the community before he leaves office. Ms. Hahn is available to help schedule meetings with Rep. Kilmer.

### State Rep. Spencer Hutchins

- Rep. Hutchins, who serves on the Transportation Committee, expressed interest in the Gorst Corridor project. He shared that the Transportation Committee recognizes rising project costs as a result of decreasing workforce and other factors. Rep. Hutchins shared that he will focus on getting funding for crucial infrastructure projects in Kitsap.

## **3. Gorst Updates Presentation**

The Gorst Coalition, led by Thompson Consulting, presented on the progress that has been made on the Gorst Corridor in 2023. Tim Thompson, Chief Executive Officer, David Overton, EE Overton Manager, and George Mazur, WSDOT, thanked everyone in the Gorst Coalition and shared that the Coalition continues to gain interest from stakeholders. With the help of State Legislators, the Gorst Corridor received nearly \$80 million in funding from the state to begin initial design work, as well environmental and cultural resources review. The Coalition will continue to work with WSDOT on additional funding and preliminary engineering. Next year with the assistance of Rep. Kilmer’s office, WSDOT, and Thompson Consulting, the Coalition will focus on receiving federal funding. The Coalition has received good support from other elected officials including Senator Maria Cantwell and U.S Rep. Rick Larson.

Comment from Board Member: The Lieutenant Governor’s office will conduct a study on the economic impact of military installations throughout the state. This study will contain useful information for the Gorst Coalition.

Response: Gorst Coalition leadership has met with the Lieutenant Governor’s office on this matter, as well as others in the WA congressional delegation including Rep. Wasserman Schultz. We are also in conversation with Sen. Liias regarding opportunities for federal funding.

Question from Board Member: Regarding traffic patterns, where are people coming from and where are they going to during the congested hours?

WSDOT Response: WSDOT has obtained access to some databases that include travel patterns. WSDOT is mining these databases in advance of bringing our consultants on board for engineering. They expect to have some of this work ready for the consultant to incorporate into the environmental studies.

Comment from Board Member: The presence of two Navy Carriers will greatly impact traffic and WSDOT can reach out to Naval Base Kitsap for more information regarding timing and impacts.

WSDOT response: WSDOT would like to meet with NBK as soon as possible. WSDOT can pull data based on individual days over the last several years when there were two carriers in the base to better align data with these realities.

Question from Board Member: It’s important that emergency access is being considered, especially when traffic is at a standstill.

Response: The Coalition is in conversation with first responders in the Gorst Corridor. The Coalition understands the challenges and how this jeopardizes people’s safety and getting to accidents.

## **4. Consent Agenda**

- Approve the November 07 Board meeting summary and expense voucher 23-17 & 23-18

Commissioner Garrido moved to approve the November 07 Board meeting summary. Mayor Erickson seconded. The summary and expense vouchers were approved as drafted without objection.

## 5. Full Discussion/Action Items

- Approve the nominations for 2024 KRCC Chair and Vice Chair

Mayor Putaansuu moved to approve the nominations of Councilmember Deets and Commissioner Strakeljahn as 2024 KRCC Chair and Vice Chair respectively. Mayor Erickson seconded the motion. The nominations were approved unanimously.

- Approve the 2024 KRCC dues

Mayor Putaansuu moved to approve the 2024 KRCC dues. Councilmember Deets seconded. The 2024 KRCC dues were approved unanimously.

- Debrief 2023 KRCC Legislative Reception and invoice payment reminder

The Board was debriefed on the 2023 Legislative Reception and members were asked if they had any remarks about the event. One member noted that it was the best Legislative Reception KRCC has had. It was also noted that there are still some remaining payments from reception and a reminder was made for those who haven't paid already.

- Discuss 2024 KRCC workshop on homelessness and shelter

The Executive Board discussed the draft agenda for the upcoming 2024 KRCC workshop on homelessness and housing. They noted that topics that may require attention including:

- The importance of having a workshop on this subject matter early in the year to see what each jurisdiction is doing.
- Important to discuss different faces and causes regarding homelessness, and the appropriate solutions for each root cause.
- Tomasz Biernacki, documentarian from Gig Harbor, should be invited to speak on this subject.
- Organizations like the Salvation Army and CARE team will be invited.
- The Executive Committee will continue working on the agenda items in their upcoming meeting.

- Reminder of 2024 PSRC Board and Committee appointment process

The Board was reminded of the appointment process for the 2024 PSRC Board and Committee appointments. It was noted that early next year, KRCC staff will be updating the roster.

- Review 2024 KRCC meeting calendar

The Board reviewed the 2024 KRCC meeting calendar and were informed of the addition of a potential March 2024 KRCC Board meeting if there are delays with the transportation competitions. KRCC staff are working to adjust some of KRCC Board meeting times, if possible, to make "Super Tuesday" schedules easier to manage.

- Update on 2023 Triangle annual evaluation survey

The Board was given an update on the 2023 Triangle annual evaluation survey. Board members were thanked for those who have filled out the survey and the survey remain open till Friday, December 8. The Executive Committee will be able to review the data and decide how to report the findings.

## 6. KRCC Committee Reports

## Land Use

- [Approve Annual Annexation report](#)

Mayor Putaansuu moved to approve the annual annexation report. Commissioner Rolfes seconded. The motion was carried out without objection.

## Transportation

The Board was informed about preparation for 2024 Transportation Competitions and will be soon receiving updates and tentative schedules from PSRC.

## 7. PSRC Board and Committee Reports

- [Growth Management Policy Board](#)

The Growth Management Policy Board is focused on keeping Silverdale as a Regional Growth Center.

- [Transportation Policy Board](#)

The Transportation Policy Board discussed the climate pollution reduction grant funds that are available. There was also discussion about highway safety. The Board is also looking at the Equity Pilot to better incorporate equity into project selection.

- [Economic Development District Board](#)

Axel Strakeljahn has been serving as the President of the Economic Development District Board and will be completing his term early next year. Starting in March, the new President will be Conrad Lee from the City of Bellevue. Greater Seattle Partners (GSP) will be working with the new President of the Board and creating a new seat on the EDDB that will have GSP participation.

## 8. Corridor Committee Reports

- [SR 305](#)

The SR 305 group has not had a meeting since May of this year. The group is scheduled to meet at the beginning of January. There has been continued work on SR 305 and construction has commenced on new roundabouts on Bainbridge Island. Additionally, there are 2 fish barrier removal projects.

## 9. Staff Report

- [KRCC Income Statement](#)

The income statement is provided in the meeting packet.

It was noted by Board that in the past, every 2 years, following election cycles, the KRCC staff would go out and meet with each of KRCC jurisdictions so that the councils are engaged. KRCC staff will work on scheduling these meetings in 2024.

## 10. Public Comment

An opportunity for public comment was offered. There were no public comments.

## 11. KRCC Board Questions, Concerns, and Announcements

[Capt. Hale comments](#)

Board member Capt. Hale of NBK made some comments regarding his tenure as the Base Commander. He shared that it's his role as the NBK Commanding Officer to understand the impact of larger Navy or federal policies on the Kitsap constituency, including civilian employees. Captain Hale is available to meet with KRCC members to answer questions.

Comment/Question for Capt. Hale: The traffic congestion that occurs effectively from 3:30 to 5pm seems to have a very strategic impact on the Navy. From a federal perspective, what is the attitude toward that and base readiness and preparedness.

Response: NBK is able to coordinate with partners and work around the traffic congestion as best as possible. From the Navy's perspective, the main risk to the Gorst Corridor is related to long-term closures of indefinite periods due to issues like a lack of climate resiliency, tidal changes, etc.

Statement by Mayor Putaansuu on Councilmember Clauson's years of service

Board member Mayor Putaansuu expressed his privilege of serving with Councilmember Clauson as a councilmember and as mayor for 17 years. Councilmember Clauson has been dedicated to service to Port Orchard and it started when he was in high school. He began volunteering in high school at Port Orchard Fire Department and was later appointed to the Civil Service Commission in the late 80s. He was then later appointed to the City Council in 1983 and after 41 years of public service, Councilmember Clauson is stepping back from his role on the Port Orchard City Council. Mayor Putaansuu thanked Councilmember Clauson for his leadership, mentorship, and service.

Councilmember Clauson: As an elected official you learn something new everyday and after 41 years you will continue to learn something every day. Thank you very much.

## **12. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 PM.

## Appendix A – Board Members in Attendance

Jurisdiction	Board Member	In Attendance?
<b>Bainbridge Island</b>		
	Councilmember J. Deets (V. Chair)	present
	Councilmember L. Schneider	present
<b>Bremerton</b>		
	Mayor G. Wheeler (Chair)	present
	Council Member D. Frey	
	Council Member M. Goodnow	
<b>Kitsap County</b>		
	Commissioner C. Garrido	present
	Commissioner K. Walters	present
	Commissioner C. Rolfes	present
<b>Kitsap Transit</b>		
	Director J. Clauson	present
<b>Naval Base Kitsap</b>		
	Captain J. Hale	present
	Allison Satter (alt.)	
<b>Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe</b>		
	vacant	
<b>Port of Bremerton</b>		
	Commissioner A. Strakeljahn	
	Commissioner G. Anderson (alt.)	
	Commissioner C. Bozeman (alt.)	
<b>Port of Kingston</b>		
	Commissioner M. McClure	
	Commissioner S. Heacock (alt.)	
<b>Port Orchard</b>		
	Mayor R. Putaansuu	present
	Council Member J. Rosapepe	
	Council Member Mark Trenary (alt.)	
<b>Poulsbo</b>		
	Mayor B. Erickson	present
	Council Member E. Stern	
<b>Suquamish Tribe</b>		
	Council Chair L. Forsman	
	Council Member J. Mills (alt.)	
<b>Other</b>		
WSDOT	George Mazur	present
WSDOT	Ashley Carle (alt.)	
WSF		
Dept. of Commerce		

## Appendix B – Non-Board-Member Participants

Affiliation	Name
<b>KRCC Facilitation Team</b>	
KRCC Program Lead	Sophie Glass
KRCC Administrative Coordinator	Zak Ott
KRCC Transportation Program Lead	Emilie Pilchowski
KRCC Land Use Program Lead	Pauline Mogilevsky
<b>Presenters</b>	
Thompson Consulting	Tim Thompson
EE Overton	David Overton
<b>Elected Officials</b>	
WA State House of Representative	Rep. Spence Hutchins
WA State Senate	Sen. Drew MacEwen
Rep. Kilmer’s Regional Representative	Stephanie Hahn