

## **ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON CITIES**

### **RMSA Board of Directors Special Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, November 14, 2023**

**Online Meeting with Phone Access**

**11:00 am**

#### **Present:**

##### **Directors:**

President Julie Struck, Mayor, South Bend  
Vice President Jose Trevino, Mayor, Granger  
Dee Roberts, Mayor, Raymond  
Matthew Schuh, Councilmember, Bridgeport  
Leanne Guier, Mayor, Pacific  
Stefany Smith, Mayor, Springdale  
Micki Harnois, Councilmember, Rockford

##### **Staff:**

Deanna Dawson, CEO  
Gene Emmans, CFO  
Carol Rehnberg, Program Director  
Carol Wilmes, Director of Member Pooling Programs  
Ashley Jones, Pre-Litigation and Claims Manager  
Andrea Luper, RMSA Membership Supervisor  
Henry Dietz, Risk Management Coordinator  
Anthony Vasquez, RMSA Claims Coordinator  
Shaylee Dipo, RMSA Membership Specialist  
Betsy Hildreth, Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary

##### **Absent:**

RMSA Committee Chair, Jord Wilson, City Administrator, Pateros

##### **Guests:**

Charles H. "Skip" Houser III, RMSA General Counsel  
Kevin Wick, PricewaterhouseCoopers

#### **1. *Call to Order, Welcome, and Introductions***

##### **1.1 Welcome, introductions, opening remarks**

President Julie Struck called the meeting to order at 11 am. Ms. Hildreth took roll call. A quorum was established.

##### **1.2 Call for Public Comment**

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act RCW 42.30.240, the AWC RMSA Board of Directors invited public comment on the agenda items presented.

There was no public comment.

## 2. Financials

### 2.1 Re-consideration of 2024 Rates and Member Assessments

Ms. Wilmes gave a brief overview of the recent Board adopted rate increase of “15%” and the resulting impact to members. Staff re-engaged the services of the actuarial consultant to revisit the assumptions, and develop options for the Board’s consideration.

Kevin Wick of PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) presented background information on the 15% rate increase as approved at the September 28, 2023, RMSA Board meeting which resulted in an average contribution increase of 23% with some members increasing more than 50%.

Mr. Wick reviewed two additional rate increases for Board consideration: 1) +12% increase with a 25% contribution increase cap and 2) +15% increase with a 20% contribution increase cap. If approved, the member would receive the lesser of the initial rate calculation or result of one of these alternatives.

Mr. Emmans reviewed proposed 2024 budget impacts with the potential selection of either of the additional two options above, while Ms. Wilmes reviewed potential impacts of these additional options for individual members.

#### **Motion:**

Motion by Matthew Schuh to adopt Option 1 (lower overall rate increase to 12% and cap at 25%), second by Dee Roberts; motion carried.

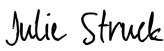
Ms. Rehnberg shared next steps for staff in communicating this decision to all members.

## 3. Adjournment

### 3.1 Special Meeting adjournment

Motion by Leanne Guier to adjourn the meeting at 11:49 am, second by Jose Trevino; motion carried.

The foregoing minutes were approved by the Board of Directors on 12/6/2023.  
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