

Regional Government Efficiency Working Group

Approved Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2019

A meeting of the Regional Government Efficiency Working Group was held on this date in Meeting Room W201, Idaho State Capitol, 700 West Jefferson Street, Boise ID 83702 via teleconference. Chairwomen McGeachin called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

Members present:

Janice McGeachin, Alex Adams, Andy Emerson, Eve Knudtsen, Brad Huerta, Keith Reynolds, Mark Harris, Representative Judy Boyle, Jon Goode, Skip Smyser, Ron Carlson

Others Present:

Jordan Watters, Alex Olson, Brody Aston

In Attendance as of 1:30 P.M.:

Skip Brandt

Members Absent and Excused:

Representative Steve Miller, Bobbi-Jo Meuleman

Business

Chair McGeachin called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm and asked for a motion to appoint Alex Olson to preside as secretary. The motion was made, seconded, and approved by the committee. Chair McGeachin then asked for a motion to approve the previous week's minutes. Skip Smyser noted that Ed Schriever, Idaho Department Fish and Game was not properly recorded as being present. A motion to approve the corrected minutes was made, seconded, and approved by the committee.

Chair McGeachin began a discussion to consider language relating to a fleet management pilot project. The emphasis of the recommendation ensures the legislative and executive branch work together in the pilot program to ensure accountability of state vehicles.

Skip Smyser offered a suggestion on the language, stating that the current language appears to give preference to those with prior contracts with the state. There was concern that a Request for Information should take place in order to see what new companies can do innovatively regarding fleet management. Keith Reynolds provided a change to language on behalf of Skip Smyser's suggestion along with the addition of the word 'investigation'.

Chair McGeachin presented a previous Executive Order No. 2000-16 under the Kempthorne Administration regarding the utilization and oversight of the use of state vehicles by state employees. Committee discussed why the executive order isn't effective today. Alex Adams stated that the order wasn't renewed as an explanation.

Skip Smyser pointed out that the language in the recommendation was limited to rental car companies only and that changes should be made. Eve Knudtsen disagreed with the notion, acknowledging that “rental car companies deal with short-term whereas fleet management groups provide longer-term leases”. Committee discussion regarding revised language continued. Once the committee agreed to the language, Skip Smyser made a motion to approve language change. Jon Goode seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Chair McGeachin moved onto the second action item. Specifically, legislation related to the sale of assets as it relates to the Appropriations Act. Jon Goode offered the suggestion that the term “automobile” be changed with “motor vehicle” in order to properly clarify assets.

Skip Smyser questioned the oversight of the Department of Financial Management on fleet management. Keith Reynolds and Judy Boyle both agreed that Department of Financial Management has the discretion over this topic of fleet management. Keith Reynolds motioned to accept the language with the amendment to strike the word automobile and replace it with motor vehicle. Jon Goode seconded this motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Chair McGeachin moved onto the next topic concerning the questionnaire. She questioned the committee if they should either go through any suggestions one-by-one in the course of this meeting or opt into sending any suggestions to Keith Reynolds and discussing at the next meeting. The committee opted for the option of sending their suggestions to Keith Reynolds.

Chair McGeachin then proceeded onto the topic of the Department of Fish and Game, overviewing the information that the Department had forwarded the committee.

As the meeting wrapped up, the committee discussed possible times for the next meeting. Skip Smyser explained that the 23rd through the 25th of September was unavailable for him, Keith Reynolds seconded that. Alex Adams suggested that an action item for the next meeting be the reading of an article “The Secret to Cutting Government Waste: Savings by a Thousand Cuts” by the committee as it pertains to the work that the committee is doing. Chair McGeachin mentioned a possible presentation on energy saving in state buildings at the next meeting as well as having Jani Revier from the Department of Labor present to the committee. No new business was presented.

Adjournment

Chair McGeachin motioned for adjournment, Keith seconded the motion. Motion passed at 2:05 P.M.

Next Meeting Schedule

TBD with possible dates ranging in the month of September.