

Chelan County Lodging Tax Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Friday November 21, 2025

Opening: The meeting is called to order by Chairman Shon Smith at **10:03 A.M.** The following Committee Members are present:

Shon Smith, District 2 Commissioner
Christie Wilder, Plain Valley Ski Trails
Angela Morris, Chelan Douglas Land Trust
Tony Medina, Marina's Edge Resort
Calen Williams, Love Leavenworth
Stephen Maher, Our Valley Our Future/ Run Wenatchee

Also present for meeting:

Jerri Barkley, Visit Chelan County
Ron Cridlebaugh, Chelan County Director Economic Services
Mike Steele, Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce
Mat Lyons, TREAD

Public Comment Period: None

Action: Upon motion by **Stephen Maher** and second by **Christie Wilder** the Meeting Minutes for October 23, 2025 were approved unanimously.

Discussion

Commissioners' Proposal to adjust the Framework for 2026

Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce — 20%
Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce — 20%
Chelan County - 20% (15% for maintenance and capital / 5% to tourism facility M&O account)
Event & Marketing Grants — 10%
Visit Chelan County — 27%
Cascade Loop - 3%
Cashmere Chamber of Commerce — 3%
Manson Chamber of Commerce — 3%
Entiat Chamber of Commerce — 3%

- The percentage awarded to the recipients will be calculated on the tax collected between Oct. 1, 2024 and Sept. 30, 2025.
- Since the awarded amount is 109% of the actual funds collected, the amount equal to 9% of the funds collected between Oct. 1, 2024 and Sept.30, 2025 will be pulled from the lodging tax reserve fund.
- Also, \$2.5 million would be moved from the lodging tax reserve fund to a restricted maintenance and operations fund for County owned tourism related facilities.

10:45 A.M. Mike Steele interjected comments into the meeting

Post Meeting To Dos:

1. Paula to provide the Facilities Assessments for the WRCP, Ohme Gardens & Expo Center/RV Park to the Committee.
2. Members can email questions regarding the proposal to Paula. Paula & Ron will answer them and publish the Q&A to the entire team.

Next special meeting: Wednesday December 10th, 2:30 pm via Zoom,

10:53 A.M. Meeting Adjourned