

**Chelan County Lodging Tax Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, February 19, 2026**

**Opening:** The meeting is called to order by Chairman Shon Smith at **1:03 P.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, Economic Services Director  
Mat Lyons, TREAD

**Public Comment Period:** Update from Mat Lyons: the USFS is finally reviewing the Upper Wenatchee Valley Sustainable Trails Project. There are approximately 60 trailhead recommendations in the report.

**Action:** Upon motion by **Stephen Maher** and second by **Christie Wilder** the Minutes from Dec 10, 2025 and January 22, 2026 were approved unanimously.

**Discussion:** Reserves

From Commissioners: Proposed use of approx. \$600K LTAC funding and \$600K in Rural Counties Tax to purchase 18.5 acres in Plain for \$1.2 M to extend the ski area and build a park that would be utilized year-round. County will purchase & own the property, park O&M by Plain nonprofit.

**Action:** Upon motion by **Stephen Maher** and second by **Angela Morris** the Committee recommends up to \$600K of Lodging Tax Reserves be used to purchase 18.5 acres in Plain for a County Community Park, was approved; Christie Wilder recused herself

**Action:** Upon motion by **Christie Wilder** and second by **Angela Morris** the Committee recommends to

- Keep \$500K in True Reserves to start, then eventually spend down
- Earmark \$500K for 2026 – 2030 to increase Events grant rounds by \$100K per year
- Leaving approx. \$500K to allocate to special tourism projects with public/private partnership in unincorporated areas\*

was approved unanimously.

\*Concentrate on areas of Cashmere, Plain, Entiat, Manson, Stehekin.

Next meeting: How do we make this opportunity known to worthy recipients?

**2:41 P.M. Meeting Adjourned**