

SKAGIT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 17th, 2016
Sedro-Woolley City Council Chambers
Sedro-Woolley, WA

MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Lisa Janicki, Skagit County, Chair; Commissioner Jim Cook, Skagit Public Utility District; Mayor Joan Cromley, Town of Hamilton; Mayor Laurie Gere, City of Anacortes; Mayor Jason Miller, Town of Concrete; Commissioner John Pope, Port of Anacortes; Sheriff Will Reichardt, Skagit County; Mayor Steve Sexton, City of Burlington; Mayor Keith Wagoner, City of Sedro-Woolley; Commissioner Ron Wesen, Skagit County.

STAFF PRESENT

Mark Hamilton, Transportation Planner; Gabe Philips, Transportation Planner.

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC PRESENT

There were three individuals in attendance.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order: Commissioner Janicki called the meeting to order at 2:25 PM.

Roll Call: Roll was taken with a quorum present.

2. Public Comment: There were no public comments.
3. Chair's Report: There were no items to report.
4. Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of the January 20th, 2016 Skagit Council of Governments (SCOG) Board of Directors meeting minutes.
- b. Approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll Certification: 2016 accounts payable voucher batch #113208 in an amount totaling \$8,725.30; and payroll certification for January 2016 in the amount of \$15,868.83.

Mayor Wagoner moved to approve the February 17th, 2016 consent agenda. Mayor Gere seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Discussion Items:

- a. Council Round Table and Open Topic Discussion: Commissioner Pope moved to direct staff to draft a letter in support of House Bill 2815 to be signed by the SCOG Board of Directors Chair. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wesen. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Janicki said it is very important that SCOG staff coordinate with Skagit County staff on housing issues. Mayor Sexton said SCOG staff is focusing on the analytical work associated with the housing study and it is not a duplication of effort with Skagit County staff. Commissioner Pope said the key element for SCOG staff is they are uniquely qualified to analyze the link between housing and transportation. Commissioner Janicki said that some agencies have questioned the data being used and recently presented by Skagit County staff. She said that SCOG staff should determine if more reliable data is available. Commissioner Wesen said SCOG staff's role may be to ensure that data

across the region is consistent. Commissioner Cook said that developers have a bottom line and they cannot provide affordable housing if the market will not bear it. Mayor Sexton said that government's role in this housing issue is to understand where shortages exist and ensure local zoning meets housing demand. Mayor Wagoner pointed to the difficulty from the landlords' perspective of finding qualified renters and the intense competition for the limited number of vacancies. Mayor Miller said the Salishan Redevelopment in Tacoma is a fantastic example of affordable housing done right, with a mix of incomes and housing types built to last.

- 6. Next Meeting: The next SCOG Board of Directors meeting will be Wednesday, March 16th, 2016 at the Burlington City Council Chambers, at 2:00 p.m. following the Transportation Policy Board meeting.
- 7. Adjourned: The meeting adjourned at 2:46 PM.

Information Items: The Board of Directors was provided with a financial update, budget vs. actual report, Revolving Loan Fund meeting information and record of payments, City of Anacortes legislative agenda, Senate Bill 6420, and House Bill 2945.


Kevin Murphy, Executive Director
Skagit Council of Governments

Dated: 3-16-2016

Approved,

Commissioner Lisa Janicki, Skagit County
Board of Directors Chair
Skagit Council of Governments

Dated: 03/16/2016