

**SKAGIT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, January 16, 2019
Burlington City Council Chambers
Burlington, Washington

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Laurie Gere, City of Anacortes, Chair; Commissioner Eron Berg, Skagit Public Utility District (Skagit PUD); Mayor Jill Boudreau, City of Mount Vernon; Mayor Joan Cromley, Town of Hamilton; Mayor Ramon Hayes, Town of La Conner; Commissioner Lisa Janicki, Skagit County; Mayor Julia Johnson, City of Sedro-Woolley; Mayor Jason Miller, Town of Concrete; Commissioner Steven Omdal, Port of Skagit; Auditor Sandy Perkins, Skagit County; Commissioner Jon Petrich, Port of Anacortes; Mayor Steve Sexton, City of Burlington; and Commissioner Ron Wesen, Skagit County.

STAFF PRESENT

Kevin Murphy, Executive Director; Katie Bunge, Assistant Planner; Pam Carlson, Finance Manager; and Mark Hamilton, Senior Transportation Planner.

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC PRESENT

One member of the public was in attendance.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order: Mayor Gere called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.
Roll Call: Roll was taken with a quorum present.
2. Public Comment: There were no public comments.
3. Chair's Report: Mayor Gere had nothing to report.
4. Executive Director's Report: Kevin Murphy said that the SCOG website update has completed and the new site is live. Staff are continuing to update the site with new content. Mr. Murphy shared the 2019 Board of Directors calendar, including meeting locations at the Samish Indian Nation Convention Center, Lyman Town Hall, and Skagit PUD Aqua Room in addition to meetings at the Burlington City Council Chambers. Mr. Murphy presented an infographic developed by SCOG staff which visually depicts population migration trends in Skagit County, from American Community Survey 5-year estimates.
5. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of the December 19, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
 - b. Approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll Certification
AP voucher batch #126494, #126689, #126692 and #126714 in an amount totaling \$20,693.90; and payroll certification for December 2018 in the amount of \$46,605.79.
Mayor Boudreau moved to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

6. Action Items

- a. Election of 2019 Vice-Chair: Mayor Hayes nominated Commissioner Lindquist for the position of Vice-Chair. Mayor Boudreau seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

7. Roundtable and Open Topic Discussion: Mayor Boudreau shared with the Board that Mount Vernon and the Skagit region will be highlighted on the January 31 episode of All Things Considered, hosted by the KNKX radio station.

Commissioner Wesen updated the Board on the role of the Skagit County Commissioners in regards to appointing a new senator for the vacant position in the 40th legislative district.

Commissioner Berg informed the Board that Skagit PUD is in the process of purchasing a quench buggy, which will be available for delivering water at festivals and events. Skagit PUD is also asking for a 2.9-mile water extension along Little Mountain Road, originating inside the Mount Vernon city limits and extending towards Big Lake. Commissioner Berg expressed that Skagit PUD would like to know about other areas where service could be extended. Skagit PUD has identified public outreach and education as a priority, and would like to expand outreach efforts by presenting to partners and stakeholders. Commissioner Berg encouraged continued conversation regarding the Skagit Net, LLC project.

Mayor Cromley informed the Board that the Town of Hamilton completed a survey conducted by Washington state about the possibilities of introducing a public bank structure for infrastructure loans and improvements. The final report from the survey is complete, and the results and summaries of available programs are helpful.

Mayor Gere notified the Board that Governor Inslee has focused on the Skagit region in the past year for Maritime Blue strategic planning efforts in the maritime sector. Mayor Gere serves on the Governor's Maritime Blue Advisory Council, and shared that the Skagit region has been highlighted for innovation including efforts to electrify ferries, and the introduction of LAVLE battery manufacturing to Anacortes. Staff from the Department of Commerce also visited Anacortes to learn about its municipal fiber program. Mayor Gere explained that the City of Anacortes is in the process of hiring a broadband fiber manager, and fiber and broadband access will be introduced to downtown Anacortes this spring, serving over 1,000 residents.

8. Next Meeting: The next meeting is Wednesday, February 20, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. in the Burlington City Council Chambers.

9. Adjourned: Mayor Gere adjourned the meeting at 2:18 p.m.

Information Items: The Board of Directors were provided with a monthly financial update and a 2019 meeting calendar.



Approved,

Kevin Murphy, Executive Director
Skagit Council of Governments

Dated: _____

Mayor Laurie Gere, City of Anacortes
Board of Directors Chair
Skagit Council of Governments

Dated: _____

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