

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

Wednesday, March 20, 2019
Fidalgo Bay Resort Convention Center
Anacortes, Washington

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Laurie Gere, City of Anacortes, Chair; Commissioner Joe Lindquist, Skagit PUD, Vice-Chair; Mayor Jill Boudreau, City of Mount Vernon; Mayor Joan Cromley, Town of Hamilton; Commissioner Ken Dahlstedt, Skagit County; Commissioner Lisa Janicki, Skagit County; Mayor Julia Johnson, City of Sedro-Woolley; Commissioner Jon Petrich, Port of Anacortes; Mayor Steve Sexton, City of Burlington; Commissioner Ron Wesen, Skagit County; and Chairman Tom Wooten, Samish Indian Nation.

STAFF PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Nora Pederson, Samish Indian Nation; and Scott Thomas, Town of La Conner.

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC PRESENT

No members of the public were in attendance.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order: Mayor Gere called the meeting to order at 2:31 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 reminded the Board that the meetings can be used as a platform for informational presentations, and asked that Board members let him know if there is a desire to have a presentation on any specific topic.
5. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of February 20, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
 - b. Approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll Certification
AP voucher batch #127505 in an amount totaling \$11,390.32; and payroll certification for February 2019 in the amount of \$32,537.81.

Commissioner Dahlstedt moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers and payroll certification. Commissioner Lindquist seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

6. Action Items

- a. Audit Entrance Conference: Pam Carlson informed the Board that Washington state auditors will begin SCOG's audit on April 1. SCOG is given the option of having an entrance conference with the auditors before the audit begins. The auditors will contact Board members directly in the event significant issues or concerns arise during the course of the audit.

Board members asked about the status of remaining Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) loans. Ms. Carlson clarified that there are no outstanding loans related to the RLF, and the RLF itself has been closed out and funds transferred to Skagit County as of December 2018.

Commissioner Janicki moved to waive the Audit Entrance Conference, and Mayor Boudreau seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Roundtable and Open Topic Discussion:

Commissioner Wesen asked the Board about legislative priorities related to ports. Commissioner Petrich explained that an ongoing priority for ports is the continued support of Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) funding. These funds are highly utilized by ports around the state. MTCA funds support environmental cleanup efforts, leading to the redevelopment and revitalization of industrial sites, spurring economic growth.

Mayor Gere shared that Anacortes has talked with legislators about priorities for the city, including two capital funding requests for fiber projects to increase access to high-speed internet in the city of Anacortes, and from Sharpe's Corner to Deception Pass.

Mayor Boudreau shared that Mount Vernon will be visiting Olympia on Monday.

Mayor Johnson reported that Sedro-Woolley has made three asks in this legislative session, including funding for the Jones/John Liner/Trail Road Corridor Project currently included in the transportation package. Sedro-Woolley has also requested more funding for the library, as well as funding to introduce Sedron wastewater treatment technology into Sedro-Woolley's existing wastewater treatment plant. Mayor Johnson noted that legislators were excited about the wastewater treatment project, but indicated it is unlikely to be funded through this legislative session.

Mayor Cromley reported that Hamilton is seeking Floodplains by Design funding. Forterra has closed on the Hamilton Urban Growth Area property.

Commissioner Lindquist shared that Skagit PUD has put in a capital funding request of \$6 million. Representative Lekanoff has sponsored the request in the House, and Senator Bailey has sponsored it in the Senate. The requested funds would extend a waterline off of Little Mountain Road towards Big Lake, to serve 80 properties.

8. Next Meeting: The next meeting is Wednesday, April 17, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. in the Burlington City Council Chambers.

9. Adjourned: Mayor Gere adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

Information Items: The Board of Directors were provided with a monthly financial update.



Approved,

Kevin Murphy, Executive Director
Skagit Council of Governments

Dated: _____

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

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