

SKAGIT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 17, 2019
Burlington City Council Chambers
Burlington, Washington

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Laurie Gere, City of Anacortes, Chair; Commissioner Joe Lindquist, Skagit PUD, Vice-Chair; Chairman Brian Cladoosby, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community; Mayor Joan Cromley, Town of Hamilton; Commissioner Ken Dahlstedt, Skagit County; Councilperson Germaine Kornegay, City of Sedro-Woolley; 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; and Pam Carlson, Finance Manager.

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC PRESENT

Three members of the public were in attendance.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order: Mayor Gere called the meeting to order at 2:28 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 shared about the Powerful Partnerships Healthy Community Event on May 2 with the Board. The agenda for the event will cover future Population Health Trust plans, and an award will be given out at the event.
5. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of March 20, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
 - b. Approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll Certification
AP voucher batch #127611, #127767 and #127853 in an amount totaling \$14,147.46; and payroll certification for March 2019 in the amount of \$31,777.93.
Mayor Sexton motioned to approve the consent agenda items. Mayor Cromley seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
6. Action Items
 - a. Audit Exit Conference: Pam Carlson informed the Board that the Washington state auditors

have finished the 2017 and 2018 audits, and there are no findings or management letter recommendations to report.. SCOG has the option of having an exit conference with the auditors.

Board members voted unanimously to waive the exit conference.

7. Roundtable and Open Topic Discussion:

Commissioner Wesen mentioned the 2020 decennial census, and how important it is that the rural areas of Skagit County are being counted. Mr. Murphy confirmed that SCOG has met with the United States Census Bureau; currently, Skagit County does not have a Complete Counts Committee for the 2020 decennial census, but Opportunity Council is working with Skagit County hard-to-count populations. Staff from the Census Bureau met with planning directors at the Growth Management Act Technical Advisory Committee meeting. SCOG will continue to share information regarding the Census as it becomes available.

Chairman Cladoosby updated the Board that Swinomish is working with Skagit PUD on a water line extension using funding from Olympia. Currently, \$1.6 million is appropriated for the project from the Washington state Senate. Commissioner Lindquist shared that with this funding, PUD could complete design and preliminary engineering phases of the line extension.

Chairman Cladoosby informed the Board that Swinomish is working with Seattle City Light and the Department of Ecology to help residents affected by the 2013 lawsuit. Additionally, by next year, Swinomish will have the capacity to serve 500 opioid addicted individuals at the didgwalic Wellness Center. The new expansion will also include six dental chairs. Although the chairs will initially be used by the 500 patients, in the long term, Swinomish wants to be a Medicaid dental provider for all ages. Mayor Gere asked about the access requirements for the dental clinic. Chairman Cladoosby confirmed that currently, the chairs would be available for the 500 patients, but Swinomish plans to expand to serve the entire county.

8. Next Meeting: The next meeting is Wednesday, May 15, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. in the Burlington City Council Chambers.

9. Adjourned: Mayor Gere adjourned the meeting at 2:37 p.m.

Information Items: The Board of Directors were provided with a monthly financial update and information about the Powerful Partnerships Healthy Community Event.

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: _____