

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

Wednesday, May 20, 2020
GoToMeeting Remote Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Joe Lindquist, Skagit PUD, Chair; Commissioner Lisa Janicki, Skagit County, Vice-Chair; Mayor Jill Boudreau, City of Mount Vernon; Commissioner Bonnie Bowers, Port of Anacortes; Commissioner Ken Dahlstedt, Skagit County; Mayor Laurie Gere, City of Anacortes; Mayor Ramon Hayes, Town of La Conner; Mayor Julia Johnson, City of Sedro-Woolley; Commissioner Steve Omdal, Port of Skagit; 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: Commissioner Lindquist called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.
Roll Call: Roll was taken with a quorum present.
2. Chair's Report: Commissioner Lindquist had nothing to report.
3. Executive Director's Report: Mr. Murphy reminded the Board that since SCOG has begun the regular practice of using electronic signatures, Chairs and Vice-Chairs should expect emails coming to them from DocuSign. Signatures for accounts payable vouchers will be requested from the Chair and Vice-Chair, and other necessary signatures rotated among city mayors.
4. Written Public Comments: Mark Hamilton explained that while there is no opportunity for public comment during the remote meeting, written comments were accepted between the time when the meeting materials were released, and the day prior to the meeting. No public comments were received.
5. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of April 15, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
 - b. Approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll Certification
AP voucher batch #132463, #132528, and #132771 in an amount totaling \$25,410.69; and payroll certification for April 2020 in the amount of \$33,800.61.

Mayor Boudreau moved to approve both Consent Agenda items as presented, and Mayor Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Roundtable and Open Topic Discussion: Mayor Hayes notified the Board that he had sent the Skagit County Commissioners and the city mayors a letter. His proposal is that members ask the State legislature for flexibility regarding sales and use tax expenditures this year. Mayor Sexton shared that he had had contact with state representatives and the Association of Washington Cities, and that a formal proposal had been made to relax city funding sources such as real estate excise tax and lodging tax expenditures. Mayor Hayes proposed that the Town of La Conner write a letter asking the State legislature for flexibility with “.09 funds”, and other jurisdictions sign the letter as well. Board members voiced support for this idea. Mayor Boudreau noted that .09 funds distribution is a County Commissioners’ decision, and Mayor Hayes identified different options for working with the County Commissioners to make the county process more flexible.

Mayor Boudreau noted that she would like to ask the Skagit Valley Herald for more real-time reporting on COVID-19 data. Mayor Sexton noted that it appeared local COVID-19 case data was missing from the Washington State Department of Health website; that site does not include negative test results, and there is a discrepancy between local and state data due to a methodological difference in how negative tests are reported. Commissioner Janicki stated that Skagit County is currently averaging around 5-6 positive test results per day. According to the state criteria, Skagit County would need to need to bring those numbers down to one positive case per day in order to move to the next stage of reopening.

7. Next Meeting: The next meeting is Wednesday, June 17, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. and the location is to be determined.
8. Adjourned: Commissioner Lindquist adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

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

Approved,

Kevin Murphy, Executive Director
Skagit Council of Governments

Date: _____

Commissioner Joe Lindquist, Skagit PUD
Board of Directors Chair
Skagit Council of Governments

Date: _____