

# Skagit Council of Governments

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## SKAGIT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2010

Port of Skagit

Burlington, WA

**Members Present:** La Conner Mayor Ramon Hayes, Chair; Skagit County PUD Commissioner Jim Cook, Vice Chair; Sedro Woolley Mayor Mike Anderson; Burlington Mayor Ed Brunz; Nancy Scott Skagit County Clerk for Skagit County Commissioner Ken Dahlstedt; Barbara James Swinomish Tribal Community for Chair Brian Cladoosby; Port of Skagit Commissioner Jerry Kaufman; Anacortes Mayor Dean Maxwell; Port of Anacortes Commissioner Ray Niver; Mount Vernon Mayor Bud Norris; Burlington Councilwoman Joanne Valentine SKAT Representative; Skagit County Auditor Jean Youngquist for Skagit County Commissioner Ron Wesen.

**Staff Present:** Kelley Moldstad, Executive Director; James Mastin, Transportation Director.

The Monthly meeting of the Skagit Council of Governments was called to order by Chair Ramon Hayes. Roll was taken with a quorum present.

On motion by Jim Cook, Seconded by Ray Niver the May 19, 2010 minutes were approved.

A period of Public comment followed.

Kelley Moldstad presented two Applications for the Washington Intergovernmental Review Process.

On Motion by Dean Maxwell, Seconded by Ray Niver the Application for a \$216,750.00 USDA Rural Development Community Facilities grant for a Tender/Pumper for Alger Fire District 14; and an Application for Northwest Agriculture Business Center for a \$250,000.00 rural Enterprise Opportunity Grant were approved.

Kelley presented a Business Lending Loan of \$17,500.00 approved by the RLF committee to ARAS, Inc. a business that has been in Anacortes since 2001. Ellen Geary, owner has 9 years experience as a Licensed Acupuncturist and Certified Herbalist. Employment will increase from 2 to 4 or 5 employees. Proceeds will be used for Equipment, Inventory, Marketing and Some Lease hold improvements. The owner has excellent and credit and her business is profitable. This loan will allow her to expand her business. Collateral will be a promissory note, equipment, inventory and a personal guarantee. This would be a 5 year loan at 6% annual interest with monthly payments of \$338.00. On motion by Jerry Kaufman, Seconded by Mike Anderson funding for a \$17,500.00 Business Lending Loan to ARAS, Inc. was approved.

The Skagit Council of Governments is a voluntary association of general and special purpose units of local government in Skagit County. The Council is composed of elected officials representing: the cities of Anacortes, Burlington, Concrete, Hamilton, LaConner, Lyman, Mount Vernon, Sedro Woolley; Skagit County, Skagit PUD, the Port of Anacortes, the Port of Skagit County, Skagit Transit, Swinomish Tribal Community and the Samish Indian Nation.

Kelley updated the Board on the RCM program. At this time Ric is attending a 2 day Northwest Energy Conference in Seattle. His June update indicated a 1% drop in electricity and natural gas usage saving the jurisdictions \$60,000.00 from 2008 to 2009. Ric is working with Skagit County in applying for a \$56,000.00 grant through the Department of Commerce for an "Energy Management Technical Assistant" this would begin in late 2010.

On motion by Jim Cook, Seconded by Joanne Valentine, vouchers 82-10 through 95-10 in the total amount of \$29,515.37 and payroll and RLF time sheets for May were approved.

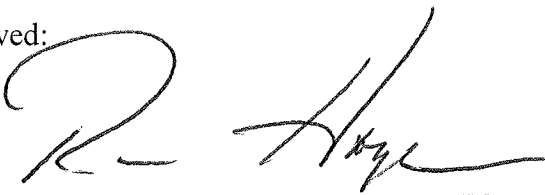
Under other Business Kelley noted that SCOG in partnership with Skagit County received a Smart Vision Award from Governor Gregoire for the "Skagit County Urban Growth Area Open Space Plan"

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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W. Kelley Moldstad, Executive Director

Approved:

  
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Ramon Hayes, Chair