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**SOUTHERN GULF ISLANDS ELECTORAL AREA
COMMUNITY ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION**

Tuesday, Sept 24th, 2024 at 11:30am

Held by Zoom Video Conference

MINUTES

SGI CESC Commissioners: Paul Brent, Director, Chair (Saturna), Mike Hoebel, Vice Chair (Galiano), Marcus Farmer (Mayne), Rob Fenton (Pender)

Staff: Justine Starke – Manager, SGI Service Delivery, Melody Pender – Recorder/Pender Liaison; SGI Liaisons: Katie Dentry (Saturna)

Guest: Janey Rowland – Southern Gulf Islands Community Resource Centre Society

Regrets: Emma Davis (Galiano), Kat Ferneyhough (Mayne)

1. Territorial Acknowledgement/Call Meeting to Order

Chair Brent provided the territorial acknowledgement and called the meeting to order at 11:38am.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The following item was added to the Agenda under **10. New Business - Discussion about the new rules for the Community Works Funds.**

MOVED by Commissioner Fenton, ***SECONDED*** by Commissioner Hoebel to accept the Agenda as amended.

CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes from July 23, 2024

MOVED by Commissioner Fenton, ***SECONDED*** by Commissioner Hoebel to accept the minutes from July 23, 2024 as presented.

CARRIED

4. Financial Report – Paul Brent

The Financial Report was shared for information.

5. Upcoming Commissioner Appointments

Advertising has been posted to recruit new Commissioners. Commissioner Hoebel's term is ending so a replacement is needed.

6. Southern Gulf Islands Liaisons Update – Justine Starke, Liaisons

Justine Starke – The Rural Housing Community Engagement Survey has launched, directed at homeowners to determine their willingness to rent a unit on their property.

7. Alliance for Recreational Vehicle and Tiny Home Living proposal – Rob Fenton

A proposal requesting \$8,000 for the Alliance for Recreational Vehicle and Tiny Home Living was shared with the Commission for information

MOTION: In order to improve economic development in the Southern Gulf Islands



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through supportive housing initiatives, the Southern Gulf Islands Community Economic Sustainability Commission move in principle to support a grant for the Alliance for Recreational Vehicle and Tiny Home Living Proposal. **MOVED** by Chair Brent, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Farmer.

CARRIED

8. Rural Housing Program Update – Justine Starke – see item 6. Update.

9. Food Resilience Alliance Statement of Works – Janey Rowland

The Food Resilience Alliance Statement of Works was presented to the Commission. **MOVED** by Chair Brent, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Farmer to accept the Food Resilience Alliance Statement of Works.

CARRIED

10. Old/New Business – Discussion about the new rules for the Community Works Funds

There are now restrictions on funding third parties. Therefore, in cases where the project is not owned by the CRD or the CRD does not have a license of occupation on the project, the project can no longer be supported by the Community Works Funds. Chair Brent will be advocating for change on these rules because they negatively impact rural communities that utilize numerous private utilities and local improvement districts.

11. Next regular meeting November 19th, 2024 1-3pm; extra time allotted to discuss funding priorities for next year.

12. Meeting Adjourned

MOVED by Chair Brent, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Farmer that the meeting be adjourned at 12:45pm.

CARRIED