



Port of Skagit



June 1, 2026

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**Meeting to be held: NWIRC Lab-SWIFT
1803 Northsound Drive, Sedro-Woolley, WA
followed by Hub Building Tour**

Minutes

Special Meeting of the City of Sedro-Woolley, Skagit County and the Port of Skagit

CALL TO ORDER

Port of Skagit Commissioner Melanie Mankamyer called the meeting to order at 9:07am.

City of Sedro-Woolley Mayor JoEllen Kesti called the meeting to order at 9:07am.

Skagit County Board of Commissioner Ron Weson called the meeting to order at 9:07am.

ATTENDANCE

Port of Skagit: Commissioner Kevin Ware, Commissioner Melanie Mankamyer, Commissioner Mahlon Hull, Executive Director Sara Young, Planning & Development Director / Aviation Director Heather Rogerson, Communications Director Linda Tyler, Chief Financial Officer / Auditor Audra Ramerman, Environmental & Planning Manager Laura Schumacher, Facilities Manager Jeff Hammer, Real Estate Manager Shaun Gibbs, Executive Assistant Ann Grimm, and Consultant Joe Poire

Skagit County: Commission Chair Ron Wesen, Commissioner Peter Browning, Commissioner Joe Burns, Administrator Trisha Logue, Deputy Administrator Jennifer Johnson, Public Health Senior Analyst George Kosovich, Parks and Facilities Director Ken Hansen, and Clerk of the Board Amber Erps

City of Sedro-Woolley: Councilmember Kevin Loy, Councilmember James Cox, Councilmember Nora Pederson, Councilmember Allan Henderson, Councilmember Paul Cocke, Councilmember Karl de Jong, Councilmember Nick Lavacca, Mayor JoEllen Kesti, City Administrator Charlie Bush, Public Works Director William Bullock, and Finance Director / City Clerk Kelly Kohnken

Other: Upper Skagit Tribe Representative Scott Schuyler, NWIRC LAB Representative Diane Kaminoka, NWIRC Lab Representative Mark Weeks, and Skagit Valley Herald Reporter Milo Whitman

NEW BUSINESS

1. Introductions

Commissioner Mahlon Hull and Executive Director Sara Young provided introductory remarks.

2. Review Meeting Purpose and Goals

Planning & Development Director / Aviation Director Heather Rogerson outlined the purpose and goals of the joint special meeting.

3. Presentation: SWIFT Center Overview

Planning & Development Director / Aviation Director Heather Rogerson provided an overview of the SWIFT Center, including a history of the campus and property ownership.

4. Presentation: Port of Skagit Updates

Communications Director Linda Tyler, Environmental & Planning Manager Laura Schumacher, and Real Estate Manager Shaun Gibbs provided an update on the Port of Skagit projects and future plans.

5. Presentation: City of Sedro-Woolley Updates

Public Works Director William Bullock provided an update on Olmsted Park and information on potential playfields near the Veterans Plaza at the Northern State Recreation Area.

6. Presentation: Skagit County Updates

Public Health Senior Analyst George Kosovich provided an update on the STAR Center off Highway 20 in Sedro-Woolley.

7. Presentation: Upper Skagit Indian Tribe

Representative Scott Schuyler provided brief remarks on behalf of the Upper Skagit Tribe.

8. Discussion and Takeaways

There was consensus from the group to hold regular joint meetings twice a year.

Sedro-Woolley Councilmember Nora Pederson also recommended a representative from Job Corp be invited to a future meeting.

TOUR HUB Building

ADJOURNMENT

Skagit County Board of Commissioners Ron Wesen adjourned the meeting for Skagit County at 11:06am. Representatives from Skagit County did not participate in the tour of the HUB building.

City of Sedro-Woolley Mayor JoEllen Kesti adjourned the meeting at 11:21am in the HUB building.

A motion to adjourn was made by Port of Skagit Commissioner Kevin Ware and seconded by Commissioner Mahlon Hull at 11:21am in the HUB building. Motion carried (3-0).

ATTEST:

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JoEllen Kesti, City of Sedro-Woolley Mayor

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Kelly Kohnken, City of Sedro-Woolley Finance Director
