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

Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 1:00pm

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: Melody Pender – Recorder/Pender Liaison; SGI Liaisons: Emma Davis (Galiano)

Guest: Nancy Goodman – Food Resilience Association

Regrets: Barbara Johnstone (Pender), Justine Starke – Manager, SGI Service Delivery, Katie Dentry (Saturna), Kat Ferneyhough (Mayne)

1. Territorial Acknowledgement/Call Meeting to Order

Chair Brent provided the territorial acknowledgement and called the meeting to order at 1:02pm.

2. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED by Commissioner Farmer, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Hoebel to accept the Agenda as presented.

CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes from March 19, 2024

MOVED by Commissioner Farmer, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Hoebel to accept the minutes from March 19, 2024 as presented.

CARRIED

4. Financial Report – Paul Brent

The funding available to allocate to the Southern Gulf Islands Tourism Partnership is \$10,000 not \$20,000, so distribution of the remaining funds will be discussed later. The Financial report was received for information.

5. Southern Gulf Islands Liaisons Update – Liaisons

Emma Davis (Galiano) – Preparing for Salt Spring Local Community Commission meeting tomorrow. Katie Dentry has shared a list of items that can be publicly shared if it is useful to share with the community what the liaisons have been working on. CRD Rethink Waste grant funded Galiano Resources repair series. Yellow House Arts Centre received a grant in aid to open a Makery – gallery and workshop space. Galiano Parks and Recreation is beginning strategic planning for the next five years. **ACTION ITEM:** Emma Davis and Katie Dentry to draft a public notice about the projects the liaisons have been working on.

6. Food and Agriculture project update – Nancy Goodman

a) SGI Growers and Producers Survey – survey open until end of May for responses.



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Goal is to determine which projects are most useful for local food producers.

- b) **Meet Your Maker Events** – Mayne and Saturna events may involve community potlucks with local organizations that support farmers also attending to increase awareness of supports to farmers. Pender event may involve a workshop component so the farmers benefit from attending the event. Also an idea for a regional online summit with public components, private forums for farmers and vendors, and an indigenous perspective included.
- c) **App vs Map** – local farm maps or a web-based app? Durham College in Ontario is willing to develop an app as a college project for free, ~35 hours of paid labour required locally to assist with project and project needs to be approved by June for college to take it on this year. Awaiting survey results to determine if this is a priority for local growers.
- d) **Abattoir Service for the SGIs** – see Janey Rowland’s report for more information.

MOTION:

That the Community Economic Sustainability Commission acknowledges the value of the work completed by the Food Resilience Alliance so far and supports the continuation of this work, requesting that the Food Resilience Alliance submit an Addendum to the previous Statement of Work that reflects the additional work to be completed over the next six months. This work will be supported by the Commission at \$1500/month using funds allocated for the Food and Agriculture sector in this year’s budget.

MOVED by Commissioner Farmer, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Hoebel.

CARRIED

7. Housing NOW – Southern Gulf Islands Community Resource Centre Society

MOTION:

That the Community Economic Sustainability Commission approve the Housing NOW Statement of Work for 2024.

MOVED by Chair Brent, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Farmer.

CARRIED

8. Old/New Business – None discussed.

9. Next regular meeting – July 16, 2024

10. Meeting Adjournment

MOVED by Commissioner Farmer, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Hoebel that the meeting be adjourned at 1:40pm.

CARRIED