

SOUTHERN INTERIOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Executive Meeting – Wednesday October 6, 2021
Meeting held via teleconference

MEMBERS PRESENT

President	Director Karla Kozakevich, RDOS
1 st Vice President	Mayor Toni Boot, Summerland
2 nd Vice President	Councillor Aimee Grice, Oliver
Past President	Councillor Lori Mindnich, Lumby
Directors	Councillor Bill Sarai, Kamloops (arrived 9:15 am)
	Councillor Tony Luck, Merritt
	Mayor Spencer Coyne, Princeton
	Councillor Louise Wallace Richmond, Salmon Arm
	Councillor Judy Sentes, Penticton
	Councillor Barb Wiebe, Lillooet
	General Manager Alison Slater
Absent	Mayor Robin Smith, Logan Lake

CALL TO ORDER

President Kozakevich called the regular board meeting to order at 8:02 am

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

Moved/Seconded by Louise Wallace Richmond/Tony Luck THAT:

The agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved/Seconded Aimee Grice /Spencer Coyne THAT:

The draft minutes of the Executive Meeting held via teleconference on August 25, 2021, be adopted.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

1. TELUS letter re: Implications for Western rural connectivity. TELUS wrote to complain about Quebecor successfully bidding for infrastructure in rural BC.
 - letter stated they wanted SILGA to respond prior to the Federal Election in September. With the executive meeting past the deadline, the board decided to not respond.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Student at UBCM convention
 - staff to confirm that Jacob Wilson did attend the convention and if so, his report is required.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Regional Air Service

- Difficult and very expensive to fly out of regional airports in the SILGA region.
- Overpriced short haul flights vis a vis long haul flights.
- Difficult and expensive to rent a car.
- Contact each regional airport board to see if they have suggestions/concerns which SILGA can advocate for.
- Session at SILGA Convention?

2. Fall Speaker Series

- 46 registered to date, including two municipalities
 - October 20th - Christina Benty
 - on asset management
 - host Tony Luck
 - November 24th Dan George with Four Directions
 - host Toni Boot
 - December 8th FLNRORD Minister Katrine Conroy
 - Executive to provide questions/topics ahead of time to Minister Conroy
 - host Bill Sarai

3. COFI Presentation on monitoring the Fiber Sector in BC

- Susan Yurkovich, COFI President, Rob Schuetz, President IFS, Joe Nemeth, Business Advisor, and Adam McPhee, Manager of Public Affairs for COFI presented to the SILGA board.
- BC has seen 35 sawmills close in the last couple of years along with significant declines in harvests.
- COFI to forward the summary of the report to SILGA who will in turn forward to membership.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Finance Report

- As at August 31, 2021 SILGA had \$77,958 in the bank and \$83,692 in the MFA account
- Taking into consideration the \$40,000 loan from CEBA and the \$9,150 in outstanding sponsorships, SILGA has available cash of \$112,500.
- All member dues are paid
- Directors were in receipt of the General Ledger and MFA account reconciliation to August 31, 2021.

Moved/Seconded by Lori Mindnich/Aimee Grice that:

The finance report be received.

CARRIED

2. Conventions

- 2023 Convention in Vernon.
- 2024 Convention in Kamloops
- 2025 Convention in Merritt

- 2022 Convention in Salmon Arm

Moved/Seconded by Lori Mindnich/Bill Sarai that:

SILGA go ahead with the payment schedule for the SA Prestige Hotel as follows:

- 6 months prior: 50% of anticipated billings
- 3 months prior: 75% of anticipated billings
- 1 month prior: 100% of anticipated billings

SILGA staff to re-evaluate the Public Health Orders as each deadline approaches to make as informed decision as possible and confirm in writing that the Prestige Hotel will carryforward any payments if the event cannot take place in 2022.

CARRIED

- SILGA to send letter to Vernon Council encouraging a member to run for the SILGA board and/or be part of the convention committee for the 2023 convention.

3. Minister Meetings at UBCM

- Meetings with transportation branch of Municipal Affairs and Mental Health and Addictions went well.
- Premier Horgan suggested that a “Riverview” style facility may be set up to support mental health patients that are a risk to themselves and/or their community. They will only be released when their uncontrollable/unacceptable behaviors are under control.

Next meeting: Wednesday, December 1st at 8:00 am with convention meeting to follow.

Adjournment

Moved/Seconded Spencer Coyne/Toni Boot that:

At 10:08 am the SILGA Executive Meeting of October 6, 2021, be adjourned.

CARRIED

Alison Slater
General Manager