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September 21, 2016 • San Juan Island

**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**

**Attending:**

Members present: Marilyn Gresseth, Gretchen Staehlin, Lance Evans, John Evans, Mike Sanders, Steve Hushebeck, Charlie Bodenstab, Bill Appel • Excused: Mark Madsen, Mike Sanders, Steve Hushebeck • Guest(s): Rick Hughes, Anji Ringzin • Recorder: Victoria

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| **Topic** | **Key Discussion Points and Agreements** | **Actions and Next Steps** |
| Call To Order | The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Gretchen Staehlin |  |
| Consent Agenda | September consent agenda: July 2016 minutes and August 2016 financials. All in favor. | **M/S/P:** September consent agenda |
| Director’s Report | Workshop schedule is substantial this fall, Boards in Gear on Lopez was well attended and will take place on SJI October 5. Jeanne Peihl has been hired for 9 hours/week. EDC membership drive will target businesses for contributions of $250, $500, or $1000. Victoria met with Deborah Hopkins at SJIVB and Becki Day at SJI Chamber. Town LTAC meeting was held on 9/8, most applications were funded. The town is beginning the process of updating their logo. EDC’s annual presentation/funding request to SJ County took place in August. Presentations to the town and Port of Friday Harbor are upcoming. Assistant Director of Commerce will be visiting on 9/30. A staffer from Governor Inslee’s office will visit. Victoria met with Heritage Bank president Jeff Deuel. EDC has put together a trades survey for high school students in order to gauge interest in high wage trade jobs and entrepreneurship. Two businesses were assisted this month with marketing advice. |  |
| Reports | * 1. Entrepreneurship – Victoria  1. Launch SJI’s Report    1. Trades education – Marilyn, Charlie, Victoria    2. Marine Trade Association – Victoria    3. Capital projects list – Victoria |  |
| Announcements/ Discussion | John: It would be helpful to have a career counselor to work with students; Bill: need to convince parents that trades are high wage careers, local tradespeople are willing to discuss the issue; Rick: difficult to find project managers on island, marijuana sales tax in 2016 has already surpassed the 2015 figure, SJ County to receive 2% of marijuana tax. | **AI:** Create Facebook event for Launch SJIs  **AI:** Op-ed in Journal in 2-3 months  **AI:** Board query: what are roadblocks to trades education & promotion in SJC? |
| Meeting adjourned | Meeting adjourned, 10:57 a.m. |  |