

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, May 13, 1986

7:30 p.m. MEETING AT FIDALGO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - Public Meeting - Lake Restoration Program/Weed Harvester.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, May 13, 1986, with Commissioners Rohrer, Vaux and Walberg present.

MEETING AT FIDALGO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - PUBLIC MEETING - LAKE RESTORATION PROGRAM/WEED HARVESTER.

Betsy Dwire-Stevenson, Senior Planner, introduced David Morency and Tom Belnick, of Entranco Engineers, and Wayne Wright, of Fishpro.

Mr. Morency explained that this meeting was to summarize the lake restoration project on Lakes Erie and Campbell, and to recruit volunteers for the operation of the weed harvester. He asked everyone present to complete a questionnaire regarding the project.

Mr. Belnick narrated a slide presentation to explain algae formation and the aluminum sulfate treatment process and effects.

Karen Haerberlin, 271 Rosario Road, Anacortes, expressed concern over possible well contamination and Alzheimer's disease.

Mr. Morency and Mr. Belnick explained that monitoring of the shoreline wells will continue until the end of the project. At this point there is no evidence of well contamination from aluminum.

Mrs. Haerberlin asked to be notified when the well testing is concluded.

Mr. Belnick continued his slide presentation with the weed harvesting project. He explained the proposed harvesting plan which is scheduled to begin on Lake Erie on June 2.

Jerome Mudge, 1301 Wildwood Lane, Anacortes, stated that he wanted some water lilies to remain on the lake in front of his residence.

Mr. Belnick asked him to note that request on the questionnaire.

Frank Maryott, 1401 Donnell Road, Anacortes, also requested the weeds be left on his shoreline.

John Cameron, 328 Campbell Lake Road, Anacortes, questioned the feasibility of the weed harvest pattern to remove some of the weeds and allow greater access to the fish.

Bernard Anderson, 401 South Campbell Lake Road, Anacortes, also expressed an opinion regarding the weed harvesting. He would like all the weeds harvested on the south side of Lake Campbell in the area of the outlet.

Mr. Belnick explained that they plan to leave a 50-foot swath along the shoreline until they can determine the bass spawning areas.

Mr. Morency elaborated on the community harvesting options:

1. Approximately six volunteers to harvest the weeds. (He proposed three 2-person crews work for one month each to accomplish the project.) OR
2. Formation of a Lake Management District to fund the field operations, OR
3. Termination of the harvesting and assumption of water quality risks.

David Alger, 5216 Doon Way, Anacortes, volunteered to help with the harvesting.

Mike and Ed Goodman were not present, but had expressed interest at a previous meeting in helping with the harvesting.

Commissioner Vaux suggested volunteers be asked to work a week at a time, rather than a month at a time.

Jerome Mudge expressed interest in volunteering for a week at a time.

Dusan Mrak, 431 Mountain View Lane, Anacortes, stated that he could provide someone to work a week at a time.

John Cameron suggested forming a restoration committee, similar to a diking district's board of commissioners.

Kim McKee, of the Washington State Department of Ecology, explained that most of the money for the project has been funded through Referendum 39, which was passed in 1980. He went on to explain the recent legislation involving the cigarette tax and water quality programs.

John Cameron expressed concern regarding the maintenance of the harvester.

Mr. Morency explained the theory of a Lake Management District.

Commissioner Vaux felt the cost of insurance would defeat a Lake Management District. He also indicated that the County's insurance would most likely prohibit volunteers from operating the harvester. He suggested the County hire two employees to operate the machinery during the summer until the project is completed. Commissioner Vaux noted the need to discuss the matter

with the Prosecuting Attorney and determine the cost of two employees to operate the harvester.

Charlie Tewalt, Superintendent of the Operations Division, suggested the weed harvester be used on other lakes in the county as well.

Mr. Morency explained that there is money available for this year's operation and maintenance of the harvester within the grant funding.

Commissioner Walberg felt the property owners could be assessed for the cost of hiring the two employees for operating the harvester. A committee could be formed to determine where weeds should be harvested.

Dusan Mrak suggested the County could possibly lease the harvester to a private contractor.

Mr. Morency summarized the results of this meeting by stating that the project appeared to be moving away from recruiting volunteers, and instead exploring alternatives for funding the project.

Kim McKee suggested the residents be enlisted to help identify deadheads in the lakes.

Harold Berlin, 1275 Marine Drive, Anacortes, stated that in Lake Erie, old pilings are common.

The Board thanked everyone for attending this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Walberg motioned to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.



ATTEST:

Megan Cheney
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