

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Thursday, May 7, 1987

7:30 p.m. Public Meeting at Fidalgo School - Discussion of Erie and Campbell Lake Restoration Program.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, May 7, 1987, with Commissioners Walberg and Vaux present. Commissioner Rohrer was absent.

PUBLIC MEETING AT FIDALGO SCHOOL - DISCUSSION OF ERIE AND CAMPBELL LAKE RESTORATION PROJECT.

Betsy Stevenson, Senior Planner, gave a brief project history. In 1981, a study was initiated to assess the nature and extent of water quality problems in Erie and Campbell Lakes. The study resulted in a restoration plan which recommended measures to improve the condition of both lakes. These measures included an aluminum sulfate (alum) treatment to reduce phosphorus release from lake sediments (and thus control algae growth), and an aquatic plant harvesting program to control aquatic weed growth. The alum treatment was performed in the fall of 1985, and the weed harvesting was conducted in the summer of 1986.

Ms. Stevenson indicated the grant period was winding down and the purpose of the meeting was to receive input from the property owners around the lake as to where they want to go from here.

David Morency, of Entranco Engineers, discussed future management options:

1. Continued monitoring.
2. Repeat the alum treatment as necessary.
3. Continue mechanical harvesting.

Mr. Morency indicated the alum treatment would have to be done approximately every five years and some sort of harvesting would have to be done on an annual basis.

Mr. Morency also discussed possible funding alternatives to meet these anticipated costs:

1. Formation of a Lake Management District, where special assessments would be imposed on property owners within the district to pay the costs of lake activities.
2. Formation of a non-profit corporation to do the labor work.

3. A combination of #1 and #2 above.

Mr. Morency stated that the original funding for the lake restoration project was approximately \$635,000, with Skagit County's share approaching \$48,000. Mr. Morency also presented proposed figures for lake management over a five year period. He estimated costs for Lakes Erie and Campbell to run between \$99,000 and \$208,000.

Comments from those in attendance were as follows:

Charles Russell asked if the Game Department was going to pay their fair share of the future project.

Frank Maryott was not in favor of paying anything.

Konrad Kurp felt the people of Skagit County and the Game Department should bear the cost of the project.

Charles Raleigh didn't think the property owners should pay for all of the improvements.

Ira Allen felt the weed harvester is a highly technical piece of machinery that not everyone would be able to operate in a safe and efficient manner.

The Board thanked everyone in attendance for coming, and instructed the Department of Planning and Community Development to send out questionnaires to all lakefront property owners to solicit their specific feelings to this proposed project.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Vaux motioned to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.

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