

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, January 24, 1990

9:00 a.m. Rails to Trails Presentation.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, January 24, 1990, with Commissioners W. W. Vaux and Dave Rohrer present. Chairman Wylie's absence was excused.

Dr. Chris Thompson, a member of the local chapter of the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy - Skagit Trail and Open Space Coalition, gave a presentation on the group's efforts at encouraging the acquisition of the many hundreds of miles of right-of-way being abandoned by railroads each year for multi-use public trails.

Dr. Thompson requested that the Board:

- 1) Negotiate with Burlington Northern Railroad to obtain available abandoned railroad corridors.
- 2) Negotiate with dike districts to identify dikes which could be used as trails.
- 3) Negotiate with Puget Power to develop the interurban rail corridor into a trail along Chuckanut to Burlington, Sedro Woolley and Mount Vernon.
- 4) Utilize the abandoned railway grade from Conway to Lake McMurray as a pathway or widen the shoulder along the road.
- 5) Require developers to preserve corridors of open space for trails.
- 6) Develop a trail through the Port of Skagit County land to provide a link between Bayview and Burlington.

Present to participate in the discussion were the following:

- Fred Wert, Facility Planning Associate, Washington State Rails-to-Trails Conservancy.
- Blaine Thompson
- Lloyd Ivey, Dike District Commissioner
- John Leonard, Engineer, Leonard and Boudinot
- Bob Boudinot, Engineer, Leonard and Boudinot
- Barbara Jackson
- Mark Spahr, Director, Skagit County Public Works Department
- Jeff Monsen, Assistant Director, Skagit County Public Works Department
- Harry Ota, Realtor
- Scott Kirpatrick, Director, Skagit County Planning & Community Development
- Vivian Mizuta, Girl Scout Leader and dike owner

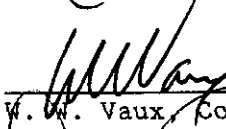
The Board thanked Mr. Thompson for his information.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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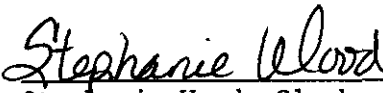
  
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Ruth Wylie, Chairman

  
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W. W. Vaux, Commissioner

  
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Dave Rohrer, Commissioner



ATTEST:

  
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Stephanie Wood, Clerk  
Skagit County Board of Commissioners