

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Friday, February 23, 1990

9:00 a.m. Administrative Appeal - Ray Wibbens Solid Waste Violation of
December 6, 1989. (Site Visit - 405 Friday Creek Road)

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Friday, February 23, 1990, to tour the site of an alleged illegal sheetrock dump located at 405 Friday Creek Road. Commissioners Ruth Wylie and Dave Rohrer toured the site together with Mr. Wibbens; Mr. Wibbens' attorney, Mike Lewis; John Thayer, Environmental Health Supervisor; Judith Meadows, Environmental Health Specialist; Jim Moe and Bob Peck, drywallers; and Stephanie Wood, Clerk of the Board. Commissioner Vaux arrived approximately 30 minutes late and toured the site individually.

First, the uncovered dump site was reviewed. This encompassed an area of about 60' by 60' and was located adjacent to the driveway entrance at the front of the property. Directly behind the open dump was the shop/living quarters, a metal building approximately 30' by 70'. Behind the shop was a large gravel area giving way to a forested area. Forest surrounded the Wibbens property on all sides. Mr. Wibbens explained that the sheetrock dump approaches, but does not continue under, the shop/living quarters.

A man-made ditch encircled the Wibbens property beginning approximately adjacent to and 20 feet from the open dump area, where a creek flowed from an uphill elevation down into the ditch and continued south around the property to a ravine directly across from where the creek meets the Wibbens property. The ravine fell into a pond, which emptied into a culvert located under Friday Creek Road, and into Friday Creek. Mr. Wibbens stated that he has built the ditch to divert the surface water around his property. The ditch is partially filled with rock, and approximately half contains drainpipe. Mr. Wibbens stated that he plans, at some future time, to continue to lay pipe and fill in the remainder of the open ditch with gravel. Water flowed freely through the drainage ditch.

The ravine which leads down to the pond and culvert were viewed. Among the sheetrock waste dumped there were three shopping carts, a bathtub, and other unrecognizable large items. Mr. Wibbens described this as his "burning pit". Downed logs being cut for firewood were placed beside the ravine.

Further inspection of the open dump revealed other waste material such as a muffler, metal bands for banding shakes, and what appeared to be wood scraps and sod to be included in the dump.

Most of the cleared area that comprised the Wibbens property was covered with packed gravel. Mr. Wibbens described the area prior to his starting the sheetrock dump as being mostly a large ravine or hole, sloping gently down toward the ravine and pond on the east side of the property. Almost the entire hole has been filled with sheetrock waste.

Mr. Wibbens' well was identified as being uphill and upstream from the existing dump. The neighbor's trailer could be seen from Mr. Wibbens' driveway through a clearing in the trees to the north of the open dump. Mr.

Wibbens stated that the trailer had been confiscated by the Skagit County Prosecuting Attorney following a drug raid. The neighbor's well was identified just past the Wibbens driveway, approximately 60-80 feet from the open dump.

The Board walked to the end of Mr. Wibbens' driveway where it joins Friday Creek Road and viewed the site where the pond enters the culvert and deposits water into Friday Creek via the culvert.

After the Board had made a thorough tour of the site, the matter was continued to the following Monday, February 26, 1990, at 9:30 a.m.

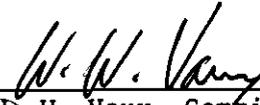
ADJOURNMENT

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

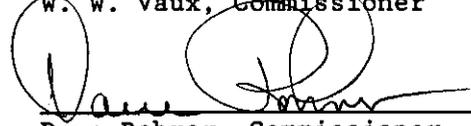
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Ruth Wylie, Chairman

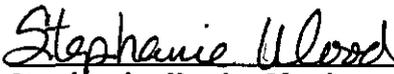


W. W. Vaux, Commissioner



Dave Rohrer, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Stephanie Wood, Clerk
Skagit County Board of Commissioners

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