

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

**Monday, September 21, 1992**

- 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.            Board of Health.
1. Sewage System Appeal -- William Thomas, South Green Street at Similk Beach.
- 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.        Public Works Department - Rich Medved, Director.
1. Public Hearing - Establishment of Lexington Avenue as a County Road.  
   2. Discussion - Skagit River Reconnaissance Study.  
   3. Miscellaneous.
- CONSENT AGENDA.
- MISCELLANEOUS.
- 1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.            Bid Opening - Underground Storage Tank Removal.
- 2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.            Request For Support - Commonground Dispute Resolution Center.
- 2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.            Discussion - Plan Approval Process - Skagit County Coordinated Water System Plan.
- 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.            Signature - R.S.V.P. Action Grant.
- 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.            Executive Session - Personnel.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, September 21, 1992, with Commissioners Robby Robinson, Ruth Wylie, and W. W. Vaux present.

**BOARD OF HEALTH.**

1.        Sewage System Appeal -- William Thomas, South Green Street at Similk Beach.

George Ridgeway presented an aerial photograph of the subject property in relation to the shoreline. Mr. Ridgeway stated that in September of 1991, Mr. Thomas requested a permit to put a new roof on his home. This doesn't usually generate a special interest, except that Mr. Thomas added a second story and a deck to the home as well as the new roof. With the addition of the second story to the home it became necessary to know about the drainfield system and available reserve area. There is no septage drainfield available on his property site, as his own property is too steep to support a drain field. He shares a drainfield with his neighbor, Mr. Reyna. This community drainfield surfaced to the ground within the last year. There is not septic permit on file. Mr. Thomas' property is on the bank over Similk beach clam beds, which is a potentially endangered area. There is an overflow for Mr. Reyna across the street on County right-of-way, which is not a proper drain area. Mr. Ridgeway felt that the drain field should not continue to the other side of the street. The Health Officer feels that the area has a high potential for failure and a source of pollution, potentially harming the shellfish area. Mr. Ridgeway stated that Mr. Thomas did come up with a drainage plan, but he cannot approve it as he does not know if it would work on his property. The Public Works drainage department would have to review it for feasibility. He stated that the system may still be a non conforming system, but could possibly be better than the existing system. Mr. Thomas had

not followed procedures that would enable him to meet the codes required, had not looked into a non-conforming repair, and shoreline repair had not been pursued.

Chairman Robinson questioned whether there were alternative systems available, even if they were non-conforming.

Mr. Ridgeway felt that there are possible alternatives, but hesitates to suggest anything as he is not a septic system designer.

John Thayer, Health Officer, stated that in 1971 or 1972, a survey was done on the Similk Oyster beds. In 1973 through 1975 dysfunctional septic/drainage areas were identified and evaluated for what could be done for improvements. The County tried to help with repairs until improvements could be made. He stated that the Department of Health now has different procedures regarding shellfish areas. Water quality samples over shellfish growing areas, and meat samples from the shellfish are taken for analyzing. Mr. Thayer was not aware of the classification of the Similk shellfish beds, but felt that the limited tidal flow in the closed bay could be a potential danger to the quality of the shellfish.

William Thomas, 1586 S. Green Street, Anacortes, addressed the Board. Mr. Green stated that he felt he had fulfilled the County's requests. He stated that the County first told him he had to submit a design for the bedroom they felt he had added, then told him he didn't need a design but did need a variance. He said that he was told that emergency repair was said to be okay. The engineer he hired told him that his lot was too steep to put in his own drain field. The County felt that this could create problems in the future. Mr. Thomas said that he has not added any additional water to the drain field and has not added a bedroom, just a sleeping loft. He felt that he should not have to fix what he feels is still working. He stated that the State Department of Ecology evaluates the area every other year and he has heard of no serious complaints. He said that he has eaten the oysters in the area since he has lived there and has had no problem. Mr. Thomas stated that he is a fish culturist, has a background in water quality, and feels that no run-off reaches the bay.

Mr. Thomas drew a diagram showing where the County had fixed the road, supposedly breaking the curtain drain he had installed when the trucks drove over it. He said that was the area that the sewage had seeped into. He stated that other septic designs in the area are as small as his, there are no wells in the area all the residences are on PUD, and that the drain is not on the County Road.

Mr. Thomas stated that he would like to consider this shared system as a temporary system. He has had no problem sharing it. He said that Mr. Reyna did not want to dig up the drainfield. Mr. Thomas felt that the current septic and drainfield should remain until it creates a problem warranting replacement.

Mr. Thomas stated that he had lived on his property for eight years, and was told that a survey had been done and that there were no problems with the property. When the County excavated close to the drain field, it caused a water hole. He felt that he had helped out by putting in the curtain drain.

Commissioner Vaux asked Mr. Thomas when he had started his remodel project.

Mr. Thomas replied that it had been approximately 14 months ago.

Commissioner Vaux asked Mr. Thomas why he felt he did not need a building permit.

Mr. Thomas responded that the roof before was an asphalt roof on 2 x 4's, and he needed a new roof with

a steeper pitch. As soon as he removed the old roof he got flooded. He said that the plan he submitted was approved. He added the sleeping loft to increase the pitch. He said that this issue has taken over a year and would like to see it resolved. Mr. Thomas did not answer Commissioner Vaux's question.

- Robin Lynstrom, 1370 S. Green Street, Anacortes, addressed the Board. Ms. Lynstrom stated that she had suggested to Mr. Thomas several times to lower the roof a foot and then he would no longer have to worry about the septic system. She said that this alternative had been mentioned at the meetings regarding the matter. She said that he can divert the water to the septic tank on his property which will then drain to the drainfield in the neighbors lot. She stated that she knew of a notarized letter regarding the sharing of the system that is in place. She stated that Mr. Thomas had invested time and money in his remodel project and now he is being required to have a septic design in place and that his property cannot support a drain field due to the steep slope. She felt that if he just lowered the roof, it would straighten the whole thing out.

Mr. Ridgeway stated that there is no protection and no easements in place for the shared system. The neighbor could shut off Mr. Thomas' use of the drain field at any time.

Commissioner Vaux asked what steps would have to be taken assuming the septic and drainage system had to be repaired.

Mr. Ridgeway stated that the idea of a retaining wall plan cannot be reviewed by him. The Public Works Department would have to do that. If they should okay that plan, then he thought that a concrete line with sand filter to the next level sand filter with a pressure system would be feasible. He stated that Mr. Thomas is not being asked to put in a new system at this time, but he is being required to have a secondary plan in place in case the present system fails or his neighbor decides to cut him off. Mr. Thomas has responded to all the letters sent to him, but has not shown what action will be taken in order to be in compliance.

Mr. Thomas stated that he wanted to put in a retaining wall and fill it in. Later it could be used as a drain field.

Commissioner Vaux asked whether a retaining area would take place of the drain field area if Mr. Thomas had a replacement system designed in case of failure, and if it would meet the necessary requirements.

Mr. Ridgeway stated that it would be possible. Mr. Thomas would have to have a sand filter and pressurized drain system, it could not be a simple septic system. He stated that the drain field needs to be legal.

Commissioner Vaux asked whether Mr. Thomas' project would have been okayed if he had submitted a system design acceptable to the land.

Mr. Ridgeway stated that had he done that, this meeting would not have taken place.

Commissioner Vaux stated that he did not believe that the County was in the wrong. If Mr. Thomas had an appropriate building permit in the first place, then he wouldn't be requesting the waiver now. The County cannot approve a waiver without a system plan in place in case of failure. He motioned to deny Mr. Thomas' request for waiver.

Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Chairman Robinson reaffirmed that Mr. Thomas is required to come up with a an acceptable septic and drainage system plan in case of failure of the present system.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - RICH MEDVED, DIRECTOR.**

1. Public Hearing - Establishment of Lexington Avenue as a County Road.

Linda Leonhart addressed the Board stating that this hearing was a continuation of a July 8, 1991, public hearing. At that time, the Public Works Department had been directed to negotiate for additional right-of-way from property owners along the road and request legal opinion regarding the County having prescriptive rights to the existing roadway based on usage and past maintenance. Legal council gave the opinion that if signed deeds were received, the prescriptive rights question would not be an issue.

Ms. Leonhart presented an overhead showing 50 feet of right-of-way acquired along the east side of the road from Mr. Donald Eastman at the price of \$338.00. Other property owners along the west side of the road were unwilling to deed or sell any right-of-way. In order to obtain the additional 10 feet needed to meet the current standard of a 60 foot right-of-way, the Board would have to declare the property condemned.

Mr. Medved stated that the recommendation is to settle for the 50 foot right-of-way acquired, making a substandard road; and to maintain and cause no disturbance to the fences, buildings, power poles or landscaping in the right-of-way.

Chairman Robinson opened the hearing for public comment.

- Dale Fowler, 1466 Lexington Avenue, addressed the Board. Mr. Fowler stated that on the east side of the road there is a wood and barbed wire fence. On the west side is a split rail and brush fence and power poles. He hoped that the recommendation of the 50 foot right-of-way would be accepted. He said that Matzdorf is a County Road, which connects to Lexington. Lexington has one owner per side and Mr. Fowler lives on the corner of Matzdorf and Lexington. He said that there are four or five residences on Butram Lane at the end of Lexington. He felt that should the need arise to widen the road, it could be done to the east with the ditch and fence moved accordingly.

- Carolyn Hawkin, 1476 Lexington, addressed the Board. She stated that she didn't understand the County's interest in expanding the road. There are five residences on Butram road and with the present zoning there is no room for further development. She understood that the land could not be sub-divided unless in half-acre section. She stated that the interest of the property owners is to keep the area as it is.

Seeing and hearing no further comment, Commissioner Wylie motioned to close the public hearing. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Commissioner Vaux thanked Ms. Leonhart for solving the ownership issue, and thanked Mr. Eastman for his cooperation in the purchase of the right-of-way. He felt that the possibility for future growth was minimal, and could see no reason for condemnation of ten feet on the west side of the road. Commissioner Vaux motioned to establish Lexington Avenue as a County Road within the 50 foot easement. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

2. Discussion - Skagit River Reconnaissance Study.

Dave Brookings, Division Manager - Flood Control, addressed the Board stating that the last status report presented to the Board regarding the Skagit River Reconnaissance Study was two or three months ago. Noel Gilbrough, who was contracted to do the study, has analyzed different alternatives and at the September 8, 1992, Skagit River Flood Control Committee monthly meeting, he presented a hydraulic

analysis outlining the flood stage reduction that would be received for the different alternatives previously chosen.

Mr. Gilbrough presented the preliminary results of the study to the Board. He presented a graph of the Skagit River Flood Reduction Study for the main stem. Issues represented on the graph were the Samish Bypass, 100 year assumed flood level, Padilla Bypass, Fir Island Setback Levees, and the elevation of the left and right banks in 1977.

Mr. Gilbrough felt that the study showed that the Padilla Bypass or Samish Bypass would be the most feasible projects to undertake for flood control. He said that citizen committees will have to meet on the matter and the Hearing Examiner will review and make a recommendation to the Board.

If the Padilla Bypass is used, there will be a need for additional levees to prevent flooding upriver. The levees will need to be raised to funnel the water to the bypass.

Mr. Gilbrough clarified that a 100 year flood event is the result of snow, freezing and storms. The 1990 flood event was a 25 year event produced from excess rain, with water levels five feet lower than a 100 year event would be.

The County is responsible to provide 50% of the construction costs, and acquisition of land, easements, rights-of-way, and relocations. The cost to purchase property in the proposed bypass areas would run and estimated \$2,500 per acres for anything over 40 acres, \$6,500 to \$10,000 per acres for anything under 20 acres. Old buildings are estimated to run \$40,000 to \$50,000, new buildings will run \$125,000 to \$250,000. Under Federal Law requirements, relocation costs include the purchase of homes, locating another home for the residents, moving expenses, rentals in the interim, etc. For a business or farm \$30,000 is the maximum to be paid plus moving costs. Easements will need to be acquired. Roads and Bridges on Highway 99 and I-5 will need to be relocated or raised. Roads would probably be put on tressels, raising them 15 to 20 feet higher so that the water can go under them. There has to be access for escape during a flood event.

Mr. Gilbrough estimated that the cost of floodways would be approximately two million dollars a mile, possibly one million dollars per mile if inside materials were used. The Padilla bypass would be an estimated \$12 million for construction and \$12 million for real estate. The Samish bypass would be an estimated \$24 million for construction and \$24 million for real estate.

Commissioner Wylie asked how the Samish River could be drained if the Padilla bypass was chosen.

Mr. Gilbrough stated that Jess Knutzen had suggested that setback levees be built down the Samish.

Chairman Robinson asked whether limited dredging of the river in limited areas would be a benefit.

Mr. Gilbrough stated that the County would be 100% financially responsible for a dredging operation. The initial dredging operation would cost approximately \$10 million and every 5 years it would need to be done again at the cost of approximately \$5 million.

Mr. Gilbrough will continue the reconnaissance study and in one or two months bring a recommendation to the Board on which two alternatives to thoroughly analyze.

3. Miscellaneous.

No Miscellaneous items were presented at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA.

\* Administrative Services:

1. Resolution - Reappointing Mary Anderson, 1024 South 12th Street, Mount Vernon, Washington, to the Housing Authority of Skagit County Board of Commissioners. Term shall be effective October 23, 1992, expiring October 22, 1997. (Resolution #14485).
2. Resolution - clarifying and declaring legal paid holidays to be observed by Skagit County for the year 1993. (Resolution #14486).
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\* Facilities:

4. Signature - Contract between Skagit County and Eldred and Essex Construction, Inc., P.O. Box 308, Bellingham, Washington, for the reconstruction of the Courthouse Parapet. Base Bid Price is \$289,000 with an additive alternate of \$76,800 for a total of \$365,800.00. (Contract #01418).

\* Sheriff:

5. Out-of-State Travel Request for George A. Smith to attend International Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Investigators Conference in Portland, Oregon September 20 through 25, 1992 for the estimated expense of \$600.00.

\* Planning and Community Development:

6. Resolution - Call for Public Hearing regarding Agricultural Variance #VAR-92-027 of Marguerite Johnson, 1485 Dunbar Lane. (Resolution #14487).

\* Public Works:

7. Signature - Lease Agreement - Riverview Building, replacing the original Lease signed December 1989, Addendum No.1 signed October 1990, and Addendum No. 2, signed March, 1991. The new Lease will add 3,100 square feet of office space, the rent for the space is \$5,2643.00 per month plus actual utility costs not to exceed \$950.00 per month. Previous rent for 3,900 square feet was \$2,993.00 per month plus actual utility costs not to exceed \$500.00 per month. Lease shall expire January 31, 1995. This space will be occupied by Public Works Solid Waste Division, DWI Coordinator, a small portion of Engineering, Emergency Management, Noxious Weed Control and the Boundary Review Board. (Contract #01420).

8. Signature - Change Order No. 5 for the Maintenance Shop Contract at the Resource Recovery Facility -Clarifying contract time to be on a working day basis not calendar day; adding thirty hours of work to complete the project inadvertently omitted from Change Order No. 3; and modifications to the entrance doors to the ash containment building. Net Change \$1,075.00.
9. Resolution - Establishing C.R.P, #6344-1 - Garden of Eden Road. Requested funding covers the construction work done by contract with participation of County forces. This project is identified as part of the Annual Program under Item #4. (Resolution #14488).
10. Signature - Washington State Department of Transportation City/County Agreement - Cook Road/Old 99 North Intersection, from 500' West of Old 99 North to 500' East of Old 99 North on Cook Road. Work to be performed - widen to provide left turn on Cook Road, widen Old Highway 99 to provide 12 foot lanes, and install eight phase signalization of the intersection coordinated with Burlington Northern railroad tracks. Total cost estimate of project - \$22,500.00. (Contract #01421).
11. Resolution - Awarding bid for the Moderate Risk Waste Fixed Facility to Axthelm & Swett Construction, Inc., the lowest bidder for the total amount of \$133,678.40. (Resolution #14489).
12. Signature - Consultant Service Agreement - Supplement No. 1, Inman Study and Remediation Project, corrections and finalization for Inman O & M Manual - \$6,452.00; Design & Construction of Berm Soil Separation System, \$24,379.40; Monitoring the Construction of Berm at Inman Landfill, \$17,742.20. New total cost not to exceed \$241,785.70. Previous agreement total \$193,212.30. Increase of \$48,573.40. (Contract #01344).

**MISCELLANEOUS.**

- A) Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by R.C.W. 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by R.C.W.42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing which has been made available to the Board.

As of this date, September 21, 1992, the Board, by a majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows:

Warrants #86952/1000001 through 87446/00000735 (Vouchers #2012452/106000001 through 2013188/10600710) in the amount of \$620,459.31. Transmittal #C35-92.

- B) Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by R.C.W. 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by R.C.W.42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing which has been made available to the Board.

As of this date, September 21, 1992, the Board, by a majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows:

Payroll Warrants #26025 through 26181 (Vouchers #PDRAWSE02380 through PDRAWSE02536) in the amount of \$56,100.71. Transmittal Number P-19-92.

C) Final Mylars for the Plat of County Club Meadows Division #3 were signed.

**BID OPENING - UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK REMOVAL.**

Eleven bids were received and opened:

1. Global Environmental  
2763 - 13th Avenue S.W.  
Seattle, Washington 98134  
  
Bid Amount: \$25,075.00  
  
Bid Bond and Addendum enclosed.
2. Environmental Excavation  
P.O. Box 1245  
Lake Stevens, Washington  
  
Bid Amount: \$28,337.40  
  
Bid Bond and Addendum enclosed.
3. Fuel Tank Services, Inc.  
P.O. Box 462  
Burlington, Washington 98233  
  
Bid Amount: \$32,523.76  
  
Bid Bond and Addendum enclosed.
4. A. L. Sleister and Sons  
12303 Cyrus Way  
Mukilteo, Washington 98275  
  
Bid Amount: \$36,475.00  
  
Bid Bond and Addendum enclosed.
5. E. T. Technologies, Inc.  
6800 S. Dawson Circle, Suite 100  
Englewood, Colorado 80112  
  
Bid Amount: \$37,957.84  
  
Bid Bond enclosed.



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6. Welch Enterprises, Inc.  
315 Main (A)  
P.O. Box 366  
Mount Vernon, Washington 98273  
  
Bid Amount: \$48,670.00  
  
Bid Bond and Addendum enclosed.
7. E. P. Johnson Construction, Inc.  
Route 7, Box 430 - B  
Kennewick, Washington 99337  
  
Bid Amount: \$49,177.00  
  
Bid Bond and Addendum enclosed.
8. C. Wark Trucking, Inc.  
P.O. Box 1046  
Tualatin, Oregon 97062  
  
Bid Amount: \$49,718.00  
  
Bid Bond and Addendum enclosed.
9. A.G.A. Systems  
13655 S. E. 132nd  
Clackamas, Oregon 97015  
  
Bid Amount: \$53,500.00  
  
Bid Bond and Addendum enclosed.
10. Wm. Dickson Co.  
3315 South Pine  
Tacoma, Washington 98409-5793  
  
Bid Amount: \$73,025.00  
  
Bid Bond enclosed.
11. Trecon, Inc.  
7007 97th Avenue S.W.  
Tacoma, Washington 98498  
  
Bid Amount: \$74,666.00  
  
Bid Bond and Addendum enclosed.

The Facilities Department will review the bids received and recommend an award at a later date.

**REQUEST FOR SUPPORT - COMMONGROUND DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER.**

Ray Rzynka thanked the Board for the opportunity to address them regarding a request for support. He also thanked the members of the audience that arrived to show their support. Mr. Rzynka submitted letters to the Board from various agencies in support of Commonground receiving funds from the County. Mr. Rzynka reviewed statistics from 1991, and 1992, showing that court costs savings has more that doubled in one years' time. He reviewed a list of major projects completed in 1992, and planned for 1993. He stated that the five year plan is to have a dispute and resolution system in place. Commonground is asking for an increased line item of support from the County.

Jim Fernando, a local police officer, addressed the Board. Mr. Fernando is involved in a paternity case and had not been aware that the dispute resolution center existed until recently. He thought that his case would be handled in a regular court forum. Using the dispute resolution center enabled communication to be opened and the parties were able to tolerate the mediation process and discuss issues regarding the child. He said that they are well on their way to reaching an agreement.

- Judge McIntosh, Skagit County Superior Court, addressed the Board. He stated that he was interested in what effect the use of the dispute resolution center has on the County Budget, and the people. He felt that it would deplete the budget on a short term basis, but on a long term basis will make a positive difference. He said that the dispute resolution center assists in dissolution cases considerably. He felt that initially, staffing may not decrease, but it may prolong the need for additional staffing. He stated that when a marriage breaks up, emotions are high and the parties rush into action. Custody and visitation issues are being referred to dispute resolution to expedite them. Court Commissioner, Susan Cook spends 50% of her time on domestic dispute time. Judge McIntosh felt that the Board should seriously consider the request for support by the Commonground Dispute Resolution Center as it will save money in the long term and is a good service to the County.

- Susan Cook, Court Commissioner, addressed the Board. Ms. Cook stated that she does spend 50% of her time on child related situations. She feels that she is ill equipped and doesn't always have the information to make the necessary decisions. Through mediation she is able to work out a compatible schedule. She felt that she knows some of her clients better than her own family due to meeting with them weekly to repeatedly go over old issues that weren't solved at the time of dissolution. With the mediation process people do not keep coming back over and over because communication has been made and long term plans can be made that will endure for a longer time frame. Ms. Cook urged the Board to contribute support to the Commonground Dispute Resolution Center.

- Claire Reiner, Commonground, addressed the Board. She stated that the information packet distributed to the Board was to make them aware how supportive people are of the dispute resolution center project. She stated that the cost savings will not be immediately obvious. Court cases come back at a rate of 50%, whereas mediation cases come back at 2%. She stated that a project needs to be active for a certain time-frame in order to be accepted, there is a five year agenda for the project at this time.

Commissioner Wylie asked what accounts for cases being referred to Commonground.

Ms. Reiner stated that they worked with the Bar, Liaison Committees, and attorneys. The increase in caseload is due to recognition.

Ms. Reiner stated that neighborhood disputes can be dealt with in the Center by following intake procedures, and inviting the neighbors involved to attend. She stated that they have currently been working with District Court on a harassment project.

Chairman Robinson asked whether the cities provide any financial support.

Ms. Reiner stated that in order for the cities to support a project, they have to be provided with something they don't already have.

Commissioner Vaux stated that he thought that the Center provided a good service, but his question was from what source to take the \$35,000 in order to give it to Commonground. He stated that the Board has to set priorities and the Budget will be tight in 1993. The Governor is banning exporting logs, which will hurt the economy and effect County budgets.

Ms. Reiner stated that this is not just a good work project, but will eventually save the County money. She felt that it would be a financially sound decision to support the project.

The Board thanked the presenters, and the audience and said that they would give the matter serious consideration.

**DISCUSSION - PLAN APPROVAL PROCESS - SKAGIT COUNTY COORDINATED WATER SYSTEM PLAN.**

Commissioner Vaux stated that the Draft Skagit County Coordinated Water System Plan is now in print after two years of hard work by County Health Department Staff, the Consultant, and others. It is not perfect, there are issues being dealt with that are not included yet, but it is getting there. Relationships with the tribes are still an issue, and the Upper Skagit and Sauk/Suiattle tribes are not participating in the development of the plan. The Swinomish tribe has been involved in about 90% of the planning. The draft is now out for comment until September 30, 1992, comments will be compiled and discussed at the October 8, 1992, meeting. The second draft will then go through the SEPA process for 35 days. The volume is being reviewed at the October 8, meeting and hopefully there will be no major issues to deal with. Commissioner Vaux stated that the hope was to have a public hearing in December for ratification and adoption by the Board. He had told the consultant that it was his hope to sign off on the plan, but this may or may not happen depending on the actual time frames. Initially, the purpose in developing the plan was to allow Skagit County to reserve water from the Skagit River for future use. During plan development, however, the committee determined that if the City of Anacortes received additional water rights, and if an inter-tie is developed between Anacortes and the PUD, it will not be necessary to pursue a water reservation through the Department of Ecology.

Commissioner Wylie asked whether the City of Anacortes has guaranteed the right from the river to have enough water.

Commissioner Vaux stated that the plan is to ensure enough water to meet demands over the next 50 years.

Chairman Robinson asked what impacts from the Upper Skagit Tribes could be anticipated from their non-participation.

Lorna Haycox, Environmental Health Specialist, stated that Daniel Jones, representative from the Upper Skagit Tribes picked up a copy of the draft and she felt sure that he would be giving some input on it.

Commissioner Vaux stated that the process has gone reasonably smooth, that problems from the well diggers had been anticipated.

Commissioner Wylie stated that well water rights are issued by State DOE permits and wondered whether farmers irrigating from the river needed to be permitted also.

Ms. Haycox stated that any surface water has to be permitted to be pumped.

Commissioner Vaux stated his appreciation for Ms. Haycox's efforts on the plan. He felt that the plan would be completed before the end of the year.

**SIGNATURE - R.S.V.P. ACTION GRANT.**

Dot Schleef presented the RSVP ACTION Grant for the Board's signature. She stated that ACTION is the main funding for the RSVP program and there are requirements to be met. One of the requirements is to submit an evaluation of the program. The evaluation for this past year was focused on anything relating to how Skagit County could increase volunteers. A survey was submitted showing RSVP programs in Washington counties similar in size and population to Skagit County. Of the five areas surveyed, Skagit County has the greatest number of people over 60, and the greatest number of volunteer hours contributed.

Mr. Holloran stated that the volunteers are very effective. There are a couple of volunteers working for the Senior Services office. He said that the volunteers only cost the County sixteen cents per hour. There are 680 volunteers enrolled and giving service, not all consistently, but they are enrolled. There is a need for volunteers increasing at the schools and adult day care centers.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Wylie motioned to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

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SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Robby Robinson, Chairman

10/12/92

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ATTEST:

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Connie Carter, Clerk  
Skagit County Board of Commissioners

