

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

Tuesday, April 19, 1994

- 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Commissioners' Staff Meeting.

 Flag Salute.
- 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Planning Department - Dave Hough, Director.
- 1) Discussion - Status of the Coastal Management Program.
2) Code Enforcement Report.
3) Miscellaneous.
- 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Appeal by Pat McMullen of the Hearing Examiner's Decision re: Preliminary Plat of Skyridge West PPT-004, VAR 91-039 (Youngsman), 1740 Blodgett Road, Mount Vernon.
- 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Skagit County Historical Museum Report - Jim Barmore.
- 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Discussion - 1994 Aquatic Weed Harvesting Program and Related Subjects.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 19, 1994, with Commissioners Robby Robinson, Harvey Wolden and Robert Hart present.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT - Dave Hough, Director.

1. Discussion - Status of the Coastal Management Program.

Oscar Graham, Planning Department Staff, advised the Board that progress on the Coastal Zone Management Grant/Small Hydroelectric Plants is being made. The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) on Hydropower was convened on March 16, 1994. The committee has met twice since inception, including a field trip to the Koma Kulshan facility west of Baker Lake.

Mr. Graham reviewed with the Board a recent report by John Moffat, Chief Civil Deputy, on the jurisdictional issues concerning private facilities on Federal Lands. This review of case law and legal jurisdictional issues has been reviewed by the CAC.

Mr. Graham reviewed with the Board the membership of the CAC and their qualifications and experience, and reported that the members bring great technical expertise to the committee.

There are two major issues for the CAC to consider, according to Mr. Graham. One is how to identify and address the jurisdictional issues that local government has. It is the feeling of the CAC that redesignating all shorelines within federal jurisdiction from Federal to Conservancy is a workable solution. It is more difficult to address the second issue, which is the affect of hydropower development only.

Mr. Graham provided the Board with a copy of John Moffat's jurisdictional analysis.

2. Code Enforcement Report.

The Code Enforcement Report was reviewed. Chairman Wolden discussed with Staff the need for extra help for the County's Code Compliance Officer, and asked Staff if there is additional personnel available in Planning to assist. Mr. Hough advised that with the time element of the GMA, there are no individuals available to assist. Various options and current assignments of Staff were discussed. The consensus among the Board and Staff was to maintain a central depository of complaints, but perhaps to spread the responsibility for enforcement among the departments involved. Mr. Hough noted the need to maintain the continuity that the Code Compliance Officer provides. Commissioner Hart stressed the need to obtain resolution of some of the long-term complaints that have been going on for years. Mr. Hough advised that Staff will come back to the Board with a proposal to resolve this situation.

3. Miscellaneous.

- A. Mr. Hough presented the Board with an attendance record for the Planning Commission and a draft revised schedule for the Planning Commission through June 1994.
- B. Kraig Olason, Assistant Director of Planning, advised the Board that the Nookachamps Watershed Plan has been submitted for comments from the agencies involved. Comments were due back last Friday, and should be received soon, on whether each particular agency concurs with the plan and agrees to proceed. The department is also working on a scope of work for an implementation grant for Nookachamps, and the draft will come before the Board in draft form within the next two weeks.

APPEAL BY PAT MCMULLEN OF THE HEARING EXAMINER'S DECISION RE: PRELIMINARY PLAT OF SKYRIDGE WEST PPT-004, VAR 91-039 (YOUNGSMAN), 1740 BLODGETT ROAD, MOUNT VERNON.

Oscar Graham, Planning Department Staff, advised that the Applicant, Mr. Youngsman, had not received notification of this appeal by Mr. McMullen. After consultation with Staff and the Commissioners' calendar, the matter was rescheduled for Wednesday, May 4, 1994, at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Graham indicated that he would contact the Applicant via telephone today to advise him of this new hearing time, and would also send written notification to the Applicant.

SKAGIT COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM REPORT - Jim Barmore, Director.

Jim Barmore, Director of the Skagit County Museum, reviewed current exhibits and their success, together with proposed exhibits for the future.

Mr. Barmore expressed appreciation to Jean Terry for acting as Secretary to the Museum Board of Trustees. Mr. Barmore presented an overview of the Museum operations including increased operating hours, extended length of time for individual exhibit presentation, construction/remodelling of adjacent space, importance of the leased building in Bayview, increased signage, development of a new brochure, and long-range planning for the Museum.

Mr. Barmore informed the Board that organizations in Skagit Valley are working together to present a united front and are thinking cooperatively with related programming which allows the maximization of resources.

Financial highlights were reviewed with the Board. The Skagit County budget shows increasing support from the County for the operating budget, but does not show the continued support from the data processing department and other departments within the County. It appears that a shortfall will occur without

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developing new sources and ways of raising money. Mr. Barmore stated that the income for the Museum is unpredictable, and that the biggest contributions are obtained through bequests. It will be necessary for the Board of Trustees to become more active in soliciting cash contributions. There has also been an attempt by the Museum to obtain a Grant.

Chairman Wolden indicated that there are untapped sources in the community that need to be considered for this additional assistance. It was the Board's opinion that if the need is known and cultivated, there will be people delighted to assist the Museum. Mr. Barmore added that the Museum offers a high quantity and quality of exhibits and services to the community and is poised to impress possible contributors. Mr. Barmore summarized that it is an exciting time to be in the organization.

Mr. Barmore will report back to the Board every 6 months and will advise when special events and exhibits are forthcoming. The Board indicated their approval of the work of the Museum.

DISCUSSION - 1994 AQUATIC WEED HARVESTING PROGRAM AND RELATED SUBJECTS.

Chairman Wolden opened the discussion concerning the 1994 Aquatic Weed Harvesting Program and advised that the situation is identical to last year in regards to training, timing, and operation of equipment. A discussion ensued as to whether those previously certified can train new operators this year. Commissioner Robinson pointed out that consultation with the County's Risk Manager will be necessary to ascertain if this is a possibility. The major problem last year was a limited number of operators, so those who were trained worked long hours, thereby creating an unsafe situation. The problems of oversize loads, maintenance of the machinery, and the cost of trucks and equipment was also discussed.

Chairman Wolden indicated that this is a special situation and is provided at a no-cost basis to the residents of the various lakes.

Mike Woodmansee, Budget/Finance Director, reiterated that for years the harvesting machine sat idle, and the Board agreed last year to try a cooperative venture at Big Lake, Lake Erie and Lake Campbell for the harvesting of the weeds. Parameters were outlined, and the County paid for the first round of training, while the individuals paid for the second round of training. The County made and kept the machine operational and available for use.

Mr. Woodmansee further stated that the County went into this last year as a trial program, and no commitments made beyond 1993. A meeting held in December summarized the efforts of the past summer and it was decided to come back now with a notion of doing something similar this year. Mr. Woodmansee announced that Dawn Severin would again be the contact point, even though she no longer works for the County Public Works Department. Ms. Severin is willing to come back as a part-time County employee to make sure the coordination occurs between the Lake associations and the County Public Works Department.

Mr. Woodmansee indicated that the County spent a little over \$10,000 on this project last year, which included Dawn's time and maintenance of the machine. Mr. Woodmansee noted that the machine is in good shape given that it hasn't been started for a period of months, and that the County anticipates the costs to be the same this year as last. The cost is kept down by the core group of volunteers who run the machinery and accomplished a great deal last year in a short period of time. It was noted that the harvesting must be completed by the end of September.

Joanne Reynolds of the Noxious Weed Board advised that the harvesting machine must be sterilized totally between Lakes to avoid spreading unwanted weeds from lake to lake.

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Ms. Severin suggested that homeowners at the various lakes may want to look into forming a lake management district to fund these types of projects. Most people are willing to bear a portion of the burden, but not the entire burden. Ms. Severin advised that if lake management districts were formed, the districts can assess the State a percentage. The districts would be voted in for 5 years and, at the end of 5 years, would be reconsidered to determine if the district has worked.

Commissioner Hart indicated that the critical matters include getting the program started, getting the necessary permits ready, and having the County make sure the harvesting equipment is ready.

Commissioner Robinson asked Ms. Severin to check to see if those previously trained can be trainers this year.

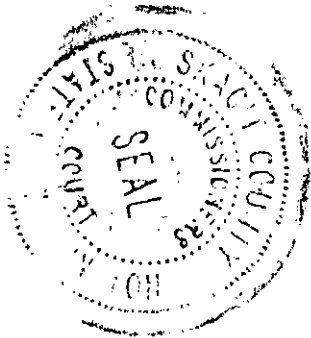
Mr. Woodmansee added that this project is currently 2 months ahead of schedule. Ms. Severin stated that if everything gets moving on time, it may be possible to harvest twice.

Mr. Woodmansee advised those present that Ms. Severin can be reached through the Commissioner's Office.

ADJOURNMENT.

Commissioner Robinson motioned to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

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SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON



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ATTEST:

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