

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, April 2, 1996

- 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Commissioners' Staff Meeting.
- Flag Salute.
- 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Permit & Planning Center - Roxanne Michael, Director.
- 1) Discussion - Update of Critical Areas Ordinance Progress.
 - 2) Discussion - Resource Lands Ordinance Update.
 - 3) Discussion - Formation of Edison Sub-area Clean Water (Shellfish Protection) District.
 - 4) Discussion - Boundary Review Board Review of Proposed Sewer District #2 (Big Lake) Annexations.
 - 5) Miscellaneous.
- 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Discussion - Skagit Conservation District Annual Contract.
- 11:30 a.m. - Noon. Discussion - Barney Lake Management Plan.
- 1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Bid Opening - Burlap Sandbags.
- 2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Aquatic Weed Projects Update.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 2, 1996, with Commissioner Ted W. Anderson, Harvey Wolden and Robert Hart present.

PERMIT & PLANNING CENTER - Roxanne Michael, Director.

1. Discussion - Update of Critical Areas Ordinance Progress.

Jim Cahill, Planning Staff, reported that the Planning Commission did complete the Aquifer Recharge portion of the Ordinance and have begun the Administrative section and that a recorded motion would be brought to the Board of Commissioners next week. Carol Ehlers, Planning Commission member, stated that the Board of Commissioners will have to address the watershed issue, which the Planning Commission has not addressed.

2. Discussion - Resource Lands Ordinance Update.

Gary Christenson, Planning Staff, presented and reviewed a Natural Resource Lands Timeline tentative schedule. Mr. Christenson stated that he has shared a draft timeline with Friends of Skagit County who have indicated that they are not opposed to an extension request from the Growth Hearings Board. The Board concurred with the schedule presented.

3. Discussion - Formation of Edison Sub-area Clean Water (Shellfish Protection) District.

Tom Karsh, Planning Staff, asked for comments from the audience in regard to the formation of the above referenced clean water district. Mr. Karsh presented maps illustrating the actual parcels in Edison and the location of area property owners approving and opposition of the project. Mr. Karsh continued by reviewing the sewage history in the Edison area. Mr. Karsh provided documents reviewing the cost estimates, a petition from residents, results of the Edison sewage project survey, and letters of support for a community project. Mr. Karsh also presented a map showing the boundaries of the proposed Edison Sub-area Clean Water District. The Project Engineer from Wilson Engineering explained by mapped illustration the design of the system.

Ron Schutte, property owner opposing the project, inquired as to the County's liability in underwriting the system. Commissioner Hart explained that districts are formed to decrease expenses. Mr. Schutte also asked if property owners could elect not to be included on the system and the consequences of that election if there is no obvious failure. Commissioner Hart stated that the State of Washington Department of Health becomes involved at some point when there is system failure. It was emphasized that the County looks for grant funds to assist property owners in connecting to the system to alleviate any financial burden. A discussion ensued in regard to the necessity of the Ordinance addressing questions and concerns asked by Mr. Schutte relating to mandatory connection.

Mr. Karsh reminded property owners that if a decision to connect was postponed, grant funds might not be available. Mr. Karsh presented a Resolution and costs analysis for the Board to review in regard to participation by the Burlington-Edison School District in this wastewater project. Mr. Karsh reported that the school district is also in need of sewage facilities to serve the new Edison Elementary School, which will open in September 1996, and that the school district is willing to pay for its initial share of the wastewater facility project costs, but would like a Resolution signed assuring the school district that the County would be responsible for excess costs that benefit the residents of Edison.

Dave Hansen, President, Burlington-Edison School Board, reported that a deadline is quickly approaching for the district to determine if the County will underwrite this facility. Mr. Hansen stated that if there is no assurance from the County, the school district will be forced to install their own system.

Commissioner Wolden made a motion to approve the Resolution, as presented. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (Resolution #16104).

Zoe Johnson, Planning Staff, commented on the process involved in the Clean Water District project as it relates to the environmental review and presented a Concurrent Notice and Notice to the public that no significant impact on the environment will occur. Ms. Johnson requested the Boards signature on the Concurrent Notice in this regard.

4. Discussion - Boundary Review Board Review of Proposed Sewer District #2 (Big Lake) Annexations.

Mr. Karsh stated that two proposals have been brought forward requesting the County to invoke Boundary Review Board jurisdiction. Mr. Karsh reported that the two annexations both involve extending the Skagit County Sewer District No. 2 to the North and East of their present boundaries. The Board concurred that the County should invoke the Boundary Review Board, emphasizing, however, that a position would not be taken by the County.

5. Miscellaneous.

1. Roxanne Michael, Permit & Planning Center Director, presented a summary of platted lots since December 26, 1995 and also presented the 1995 Annual Report to the Board for review.

DISCUSSION - SKAGIT CONSERVATION DISTRICT ANNUAL CONTRACT.

Mr. Karsh reminded the Board that each year an annual agreement with the Skagit Conservation District is signed, and that prior to signing this year's agreement, the amount of funds needs to be clarified as it appears there was a misunderstanding during earlier worksessions when funds were requested by the District. Mike Woodmansee, Budget/Finance Director, reviewed the funding requests from the District that took place during the budget process.

Commissioner Hart commented on the concept previously agreed upon which would transfer the water quality projects from the Planning Department to the Soil Conservation District and also discussed increases in funding from the legislature. A discussion ensued in regard to matching funds from the County and the various grants that the County is involved, attempting to sort out and identify the funding needs of each grant.

Per Mr. Woodmansee's recommendation, the Board concurred that they would fund approximately \$35,000 for the basic Conservation District program and also the two matching grant funds, using separate agreements for each grant, which will be drafted by the County, in order to clarify the grants and for auditing purposes.

A discussion ensued in regard to the roles of the County, Department of Ecology and Soil Conservation District in the grant process. The Board concurred they will sign a letter of request written to Mr. William Hashium at the Department of Ecology as provided by staff.

DISCUSSION - BARNEY LAKE MANAGEMENT PLAN.

Lorna Ellestad, Barney Lake property owner, discussed with the Board the proposal by the Skagit Land Trust of forming the Barney Lake Wetland Protection Project and mentioned the opportunity for Skagit Land Trust and other partners to work with private landowners to protect wetlands. Ms. Ellestad reviewed the structure of the area, mentioning that the lake is an important upland wetland area for migratory and overwintering waterfowl and in an excellent location for students and residents to study wetlands with minimal impact public access and wildlife viewing. In this regard, Ms. Ellestad requested signature of the Board on a letter of support addressed to the Council Coordinator of the North American Wetlands Conservation Council.

The Board indicated that as long as there were no property owner objections, they would support this project and sign the letter of support when it was provided. Ms. Ellestad stated that she would prepare the letter of support for signature on Wednesday.

Commissioner Harvey Wolden's absence was excused for the remainder of the agenda.

BID OPENING - BURLAP SANDBAGS.

Dave Brookings, Public Works Staff, opened the five bids received as follows:

- 1) Justus Bag Company
Spokane, Washington
\$21,403.00
- 2) Fisher Bag Company
Seattle, Washington
\$30,201.60
- 3) Allied Building Products
Edmonds, Washington
\$28,223.97
- 4) The Bag Lady
Tacoma, Washington
\$21,040.50
- 5) Woods Logging Supply
Sedro Woolley, Washington
\$30,414.50

Mr. Brookings stated the bids would be reviewed and a Resolution awarding the bid brought back to the Board at a later date.

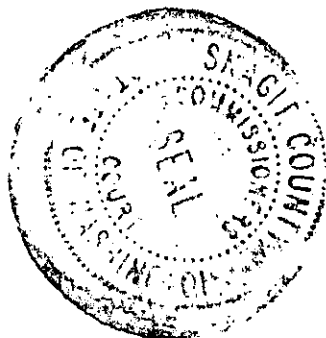
AQUATIC WEED PROJECTS UPDATE.

Mike Woodmansee, Budget/Finance Director, presented an update in regard to the grants involving Lake McMurray and Big Lake and stated that sonar injections and planting of Carp were two plans being considered for managing the Big Lake weeds. A brief discussion ensued regarding weed management and funding of these projects.

ADJOURNMENT.

Chairman Anderson made a motion to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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