

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Wednesday, October 22, 1997**

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Public Meeting Regarding Lake Management District for Big Lake.
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Department Head/Elected Officials Meeting.
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Public Transportation Area Board Meeting (Port of Skagit County).
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Regional Transportation Planning Organization Meeting (Port of Skagit County).
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Skagit Council of Governments Meeting (Port of Skagit County).

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, October 22, 1997, with Commissioners Harvey Wolden, Robert Hart and Ted W. Anderson present.

PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT FOR BIG LAKE.

Chairman Wolden opened the public meeting.

Mike Woodmansee, County Administrator, reviewed the history of the attempts to come up with a solution or plan to rid Big Lake of non-native aquatic weeds. This has been going on for two or three years. Mr. Woodmansee reviewed that a grant was procured to complete a study on the Lake. The study financed by the grant outlined a plan for managing the non-native weeds. The plan has been made available to the public. Petitions were presented to the commissioners to form a Lake Management District for Big Lake. A public hearing was held on August 19, 1997. He advised that there were various opinions expressed at the public hearing. Mr. Woodmansee then discussed the assessments for parcels. He explained he worked with Dawn Severin, Aquatic Weed Coordinator, and the Commissioners, in reviewing maps and the assessor's roles to come up with a revised rate structure that appears to be fair. Under this proposal, lots with no dwelling unit would be assessed \$50; parcels with one home would be assessed \$140.; and lots with two homes would have an assessment of \$200. Condos would be assessed at \$100 each. He further advised that the boat launch area would be assessed \$5,600 annually. The revised rate structure is what is contained in the Resolution proposed today.

Mr. Woodmansee advised that since 60 days have passed, rather than the Commissioners just passing the resolution, the materials were mailed to all property owners together with a sample ballot, and this public meeting was scheduled to collect additional public comment.

Mr. Woodmansee then outlined the specific provisions of the Resolution before the Board today.

He explained that if the Board passes this Resolution, it would enable the Big Lake Property Owners to vote on the formation of the district, and return ballots to the Commissioners' Office by November 21. He further explained that results will be tabulated by a simple majority of those who submit a ballot. He described the weighted averaging that would be used.

Dan Nystrom, 1810 B Westview Drive, Big Lake, asked for clarification of the weighted vote, and Mr. Woodmansee gave examples of how the ballots would be counted.

Carl Rogers, owns lots on South End, discussed the uniqueness of his lots and the possibility that he may be paying for six unusable lots.

Mr. Woodmansee explained that a five-member committee of lake property owners will be formed to deal with these types of problems if the lake management district is formed.

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Mr. Rogers asked Mr. Woodmansee if the committee would be solely responsible for the clean-up of the lake. Mr. Woodmansee confirmed that the Commissioners are required by law to form a committee, and the committee will report to the commissioners as there is no elected body to manage monies generated through the county budget. Mr. Woodmansee confirmed that this committee will have nothing to do other than the project described in the resolution. There will be no other land use issues administered by the committee. Mr. Rogers further asked if the entire lakewould be included in the clean-up and Mr. Woodmansee confirmed that fact.

Mr. Rogers further asked if the committee or County will seek other grants to enhance or reduce the cost of the project, and Mr. Woodmansee stated that as other grants become available they could be applied for.

Betta Spinelli, representing the Big Lake Water Association, expressed concern that this Sonar treatment might leach into the acquifer and damage the water supply.

JoAnn Reynolds, Noxious Weed Coordinator, stated that Sonar is safe, and will not affect the acquifer.

Shelly King, 1767 D West Big Lake Boulevard, stated that she thinks this is a fair plan, and that it is a fair method for assessing the boat launch. She stated that the lake management district is for the sole purpose of managing the weed project and that the project does cover the entire lake.

Jim Lorainne, questioned the \$200 maximum for two or more units.

Kim Hamburg, asked several questions on multiple units on a parcel.

Chairman Wolden stated that it is impossible to tell whether the property owners want to formalize a lake management without a vote.

Commissioner Anderson moved to adopt a Resolution submitting Establishment of Skagit County Lake Management District No. 1 for Big Lake. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. 16726)**

ADJOURNMENT.

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

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SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

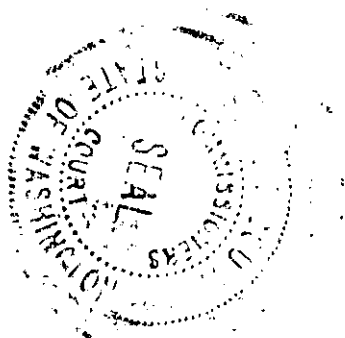


Harvey Wolden, Chairman


Robert Hart, Commissioner



Ted W. Anderson, Commissioner



ATTEST:



Patti J. Chambers, Clerk of the Board
Skagit County Board of Commissioners