

**SKAGIT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2001**

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Work Session – County Administrator
9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Work Session – Commissioners’ Staff Meeting
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Work Session – Search and Rescue
11:00 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.	Consent Agenda and Miscellaneous Items
11:20 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Decision – Risk Manager Position
11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Presentation – Verizon Tulip Festival 2002 Phone Books
11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Public Comment Period
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Executive Session – Personnel, Litigation and Land Acquisition
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Public Hearing– Adoption of List of Major Skagit County Planning Tasks for the years 2002-2008 (Hearing Room “C”)

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, October 29, 2001, with Commissioners Ted W. Anderson, Don Munks and Kenneth A. Dahlstedt present.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Munks moved to approve the Consent Agenda for Monday, October 29, 2001, items 1 through 10 and item 12, excluding item No. 11. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS

1. Resolution and letter appointing Kristen Whitener to the Fair Advisory Board effective November 1, 2001 and expiring on October 31, 2005. **(Resolution No. 18471)**
2. Resolution and letter appointing Robert Desmarais to serve a four year term on the Fair Advisory Board effective November 1, 2001 and expiring on October 31, 2005. **(Resolution No. 18472)**

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

3. Contract for Professional Services with Kara Turner of Turner HR Consulting to perform investigations of employee complaints. We currently have a sexual harassment complaint for which she will be providing services. The contract start date is October 15, 2001 and the end date is October 14, 2002. She will be paid at the rate of \$50.00 per hour and be reimbursed for travel expenses, including meals, mileage and lodging. **(Contract No. 05497)**

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

4. Vendor Services Agreement between Skagit County and KBRC Radio to continue to air commercials addressing the issue of illegal dumping during all Seattle Mariner playoff games through their final game. The contract will commence on October 1, 2001 and continue until either party terminates. Compensation is not to exceed \$720.00. **(Contract No. 05498)**

SENIOR SERVICES

5. Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with Island Hospital to provide congregate meals and home delivered meals at a cost of \$3.65 and \$3.95 respectively. The contract begins January 1, 2002 and ends on December 31, 2002. **(Contract No. 05499)**
6. Amendment No. 1 between Skagit County Senior Services and Northwest Regional Council to provide Senior Congregate and Home-delivered Meals and Senior Employment Services in Skagit County. It is amended effective October 1 as follows: The estimated total cost is increased by the sum of \$2,949; the total contract allocation is reduced by the sum of \$3,999 of OAA Title III-C funds, and the corresponding required Contractor match is reduced by \$706. The total Contract Allocation is increased by the sum of \$3,999 of SCSA funds. These funds require no match. The Contract Cover Page is revised to reflect the attached Budget Revision. **(Contract No. 05167)**

YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

7. Personal Services Agreement with Tanis S'eiltin to present an "Exploring Native American Identity Through Art" workshop on November 9, 2001 at a cost of \$900.00. **(Contract No. 05500)**
8. Personal Services Agreement with Katrina Davis to present a workshop on "Making the Juvenile Justice System Work for Girls" on February 22, 2002 at a cost of \$700.00 plus travel and supplies. **(Contract No. 05501)**

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

9. Task Assignment No. 1 to Personal Services Agreement with EnviroIssues for the preparation of Flood Emergency and Flood Insurance Program mailer to County residents. The maximum amount of this task assignment shall be \$4,872.74. The contract requires the Board of Commissioners to approve all task assignments for this contract. **(Contract No. 05481)**
10. Out-o- State Travel Request for Lee First, Lake Management Technician, to attend a workshop titled, "Native Plant Propagation and Restoration Strategies" on December 12 and 13, 2001, in Eugene, Oregon. The cost will be \$590.38 split equally between Ag Buffer and Lake Erie/Lake Campbell funds. **(Approved)**
11. Resolution to Call for Public Hearing to confirm and approve the roll rates and charges for Skagit County Lake Management District No. 3, Lakes Erie and Campbell. The Public Hearing is to take place on November 19, 2001 at 11:30 a.m. **(Removed from the Record)**

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12. Vendor Services Agreement with S & S Glass to replace 9 leaking and failed windows in the Anacortes Ferry Building with 9 white vinyl windows. The Agreement shall commence on October 15, 2001 and continue until either party terminates. The maximum amount payable is \$3700.00, including Washington State sales tax. **(Contract No. 05502)**

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. 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, October 29, 2001, the Board, by majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows:

Warrants numbered 107627 through 107629 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$117,605.14 (Transmittal No. C-70-01);

Warrants numbered 107630 through 107792 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$579,423.37 (Transmittal No. C-71-01);

Warrants numbered 107793 through 107893 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$213,391.69 (Transmittal No. C-72-01);

Payroll warrants numbered 955943 through 956033 in the total dollar amount of \$84,394.05 (Transmittal No. PP-41-01);

Payroll warrants numbered 86000 through 86944 in the total dollar amount of \$930,276.32 (Transmittal No. P-42-01).

2. Staff presented a Personal Services Agreement with Reid and Associates, Inc. to conduct leadership training and team building retreats for the Office of the Skagit County Commissioners. Compensation shall be \$3,150 plus incidental travel, printing and copying expenses. The term of the Agreement shall commence on October 25, 2001 and continue until November 1, 2001. **(Contract No. 05503)**
3. Staff presented a Partial Satisfaction and Release of Judgment in the Halverson, et al. v. Skagit County case as it relates to Tom Staakland and Andy and Christy Del Negro. Tom Staakland and Andy Del Negro will each pay \$850.05 for the said Release. **(Approved)**

DECISION: RISK MANAGER POSITION:

Commissioner Munks moved to accept the nomination of the Risk Manager Interview Committee. The committee agreed unanimously to offer the job to Billie Kadmas. Chairman Anderson stated that he is not in favor the decision that was made by the interview panel. His choice was Sharon DuBois, who has been serving as Interim Risk Manager for the past seven months. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion, which passed. Chairman Anderson voted no.

PRESENTATION – VERIZON TULIP FESTIVAL 2002 TELEPHONE BOOK:

Cissy Chan, Verizon, presented the Board with a copy of the new Skagit County Telephone Directory. She stated that Verizon is fortunate to have this relationship with the Tulip Festival, which brings the large company closer to the people of the community. She advised that new phone books have already been delivered to individual households and a supply will be kept at the Tulip Festival Office.

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Audrey Smith, Tulip Festival Director, said it has been wonderful working with Verizon for the past two years. She presented the Board with an enlarged replica of the Telephone Directory Cover to display in the Administration Building.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Gerald Bock, 1888 Coal Bunker Road, Sedro Woolley, spoke about the need of improved visibility on Coal Bunker Road. He said that when Jerry Hayes divided his property he had to give 10 feet of right-of-way to the County. This increased the width of the road which in turn met County standards for chip sealing it. The County surveyed the road and put in stakes, however, an existing fence was never moved as it should have been. When the County chip sealed the road, the chip seal came within a foot of the fence. Mr. Bock explained that the blackberries and other brush have grown up in and behind the fence. He feels this presents a visibility hazard on Coal Bunker Road.

Mr. Bock has discussed this problem several times with the Public Works Department. His latest response was from Forrest Jones who advised him that upon speaking to the Public Works Director, it was up to the Commissioners to decide to either remove or retain the fence.

Commissioner Munks said he would immediately contact the Public Works Department to see what could be done. He felt that this could possibly be a legal issue that they would be anxious to pursue.

PUBLIC HEARING: ADOPTION OF LIST OF MAJOR SKAGIT COUNTY PLANNING TASKS FOR THE YEARS 2002 – 2008 (HEARING ROOM “C”)

Chairman Ted Anderson opened the Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m.

He explained that the purpose of the public hearing is to receive testimony and written correspondence to assist the County in possibly adopting a List of Major Skagit County Planning and Growth Management Tasks for the years 2002-2008. Everyone present will be given an opportunity to speak and those who wish to provide public comment are asked to sign in on the speakers list. He also noted that written comments have been received and the Commissioners have decided to accept written comments until Friday, November 2 at 4:30 p.m.

Chairman Anderson also advised that the Commissioners would not be speaking. Minutes will be taken which will be provided to the Commissioners to assist them in making a decision.

Chairman Anderson asked that residents of Guemes Island be allowed to speak first because of the ferry schedule.

Joost Businger said he has been a resident of Guemes Island since 1989 and a property owner for 25 years. One issue of prime importance to the island is the geology and quality of ground water on the island. Because of the small size of the island, a study was done in 1991. They thought it would be useful to have a sole source system for water. The study was carried out with Guemes Island and the Conservation District and was published in 1995. They recommended that Guemes Island be designated a Sole Source Aquifer. A policy was submitted but it was never inserted into the Code. Since that time there has been continued growth with little regard to the water supply and the saltwater intrusion, etc. The County has a responsibility to ensure that new development does not affect existing wells.

Jackie Whitman of Guemes Island thanked the Board for adding an additional ferry. She said they formed the Guemes Island Planning Advisory Committee in 1992 in order to initiate a sub-area plan. They are now prepared to update their plan and submit a new one. One of the reasons for the update is the current growth rate on the island. She cited some statistics relative

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to the increase in permits. With the absence of a viable plan they feel that the 2005 date is unacceptable and would like to see it moved to 2002.

Richard Nichols, 7802 West Shore Drive, Guemes Island, and Fire Commissioner of District 17, spoke. He agreed that the plan should be accelerated to 2002 and cited some of the reasons. Fire District 17 has no dependable backup for fire situations because of the ferry. He said he feels there is a real need to speed up the planning to 2002.

Chairman Anderson asked for a show of hands regarding how many people from Guemes are present and wish to testify.

Sally Stapp-Brigham stated that she is a third generation Guemes Islander. She wondered why they are lower on the list than those with plans that were submitted more recently. She asked that the Commissioners change their mission statement and consider the Guemes sub-area plan by April 2002.

Victor Garcia, 6204 Guemes Island Rd., asked that review of the Guemes Island sub-area plan be moved to 2002. The plan can quickly be updated for this current planning cycle. The Guemes Island Planning Committee was reactivated and stands ready to upgrade the plan. Guemes Island citizens are fairly cohesive in their desire that the plan be put into place. Because they are a sole source aquifer they should be reviewed and put into place. Importing water from the mainland would not be a viable solution.

Howard Pellett, 5293 Guemes Island Rd., said he has been involved in the planning process for Guemes Island since 1991. He emphasized to the Commissioners the openness of the Guemes Island meetings. Every single meeting has been posted and publicized so anyone who has anything to say or wants to participate can attend the meetings and say whatever they want. The islanders are overwhelmingly in support of the sub-area plan. Over 800 postcards were sent out to property owners so they could participate. Everyone who wanted to participate has had the opportunity.

Gilbert Wald 2500 Butler Creek, Road, Alger, stated that he supports the Alger sub-area plan.

Lionel Walden, 3419 Butler Creek Road, Alger, said that he also wishes to support the Alger sub-area plan.

Don Clark, 58468 Clark Cabin Road, Rockport talked about the work list. A lot of the things on the work list relate to code work that was due to be done some time ago. Skagit River Resort has been waiting for 13 years for the zoning change so that permits can be issued to expand the facility. Fifteen months ago the Commissioners directed the Planning Department to commence work immediately on this and, as of today, not a word has been written. Past resolutions have already committed to the immediate development of this code. It would be wrong not to place this above number twenty on the Planning Department list.

Stanley Fox, 2168 Butler Creek Road, Sedro Woolley, stated that he supports the Alger sub-area plan.

Tom Solberg, 19019 Minnie Road, Alger said that he is present to support the Alger sub-area plan, which was first introduced in 1997 on the 1997 amendments. This was done again in 1998 and is on the list again in 2001. "We haven't given up. I'm sure Guemes Island had their plan in a long time but things have changed." All of the 1991 information is no good. He said they waited till the Comp Plan was completed, followed Chapter 14, and were the first to come out of the shoot. In the Alger plan there are 69 petitions, which represent a family unit per petition. There are 69 families in the area that want this, which amounts to 71% of the people. He said he was really surprised at the number of people who signed up. People often say no once they get

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their four or five acres. Mr. Solberg added that he also supports Don Clark's resort and the Fidalgo Island sub-area plan.

Chuck Trafton, 13971 Trafton Road, Anacortes, said he has been there over 60 years. He does not agree with the rural reserve zoning. He has 48 acres and half of it cannot be built on. Ten acres is water, there is a 200' buffer zone, plus marsh and wetlands. On South Fidalgo Island there are a lot of critical areas. The land restricts itself as some won't perk. He said he has two houses on the remaining 24 acres, and with the ten-acre minimum it would leave him with four acres. He said he doesn't like the residence per 10 acres and thinks it should be looked at.

Martin Mabey, 4104 R Avenue, Anacortes, said his concern is similar to Mr. Trafton. "Without changing the zoning not only can I not purchase a separate tax parcel I have the same basic argument."

TygJules SkyWatcher, Planning Director for the Samish Indian Nation spoke. He said they are present to continue to involve the Samish in government and government relationships in a positive way in Skagit County. Specific to the October 17 document, the Samish Tribe, who have been in the area many years, supports moving the Guemes Plan to 2002. The tribe will work with the County in any way they can on numbers 2 and 13, and also several others they are interested in. Since the time has been extended they will submit the ones they are interested in to the Commissioners. He said they would do everything they can to assist with the Fidalgo plan.

Dave Crawford, 5970 Campbell Lake Road, Anacortes said that he is trying to sell his three bedroom house because the taxes are getting too high. "A lot of that is because rural reserve is going on and land is getting used up for open space stuff and the few remaining taxpayers get to pay more taxes." He explained that the main reason he is here is because he discovered the flood level is such that he had to buy flood insurance on Campbell Lake. "That insurance is my whole homeowners policy." He said, if a flood event like that occurs, it is not only going to affect him, but many other property owners. It will also cause traffic and other problems. The simple solution is to do some grading. He said these problems are simple. "We have a weed project we have been working on for ten years now. I'm just asking that you take care of business. It is not that big a deal."

Ken Howard, 4812 Sharp Road, Anacortes, said he is a member of the Association of County Landowners, which was formed in 1997. He said he is a property rights activist and believes in property rights. He stated that if Carol Ehlers hadn't called him and he hadn't called Bill Wooding, he wouldn't be here this evening. They have been working on the County to get a better public notification process in place. The planning process should involve all of the people. The Growth Management Act and the Comp Plan provides for a variety of rural densities. There needs to be a variety of rural densities and the adoption of a sub-area plan. Also, in GMA, they call for the preservation of the rural character and lifestyle, but they are not specific to the definition of that or exactly what the definition means. "Nothing Skagit County has done in the last 6 years has preserved my rural character or lifestyle. Evergreen Islands in their appeal said Fidalgo Island is unique. There are some unique situations on Fidalgo Island."

Mr. Howard continued, stating that GMA wants to preserve resource land, but there are only a couple of gravel and rock pits, and they are the only resource land on the island. There are acres and acres of forestland. The City of Anacortes doesn't have a residential urban growth area, so where will they go. In September of 2000 there was a primary and the people of Skagit County spoke. He said he has several ideas that he thinks will help this proposal go forward, but he is skeptical because of traffic and other things. These issues need to be addressed and drastically downsized. A public relations person should be hired who will go out and meet the public and let them know what is happening so the public will become involved. The Commissioners need to take control of this process, direct staff and see that it is done fairly.

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Chairman Anderson said the County is actually in the process of doing exactly that. The County has received 135 applications for a public relations position with Skagit County. The applications are currently being reviewed.

Steve Clark, 1102 G Avenue, Anacortes said, as President of Evergreen Islands, he is speaking on behalf of the organization. They are urging County government to make every effort to preserve Fidalgo's natural beauty and rural nature. They wish to see the enhancement of the value of land neighboring parks, enhanced recreational opportunities, and preservation of the visual quality seen from roads, etc. In preserving the rural character they would encourage adoption of a purchase, development and rights program. In a town meeting Evergreen Islands sponsored at City Hall over 300 people signed a petition asking that the rural character of Fidalgo Island be preserved.

Tom Glade, 6567 Deer Lane, Anacortes, spoke on behalf of Evergreen Islands. He urged the County to do a lot analysis before giving approval to the increase of density on Fidalgo Island.

Karen McDonald, 634 Deer Lane, South Fidalgo Island, stated that she has been a resident for almost 20 years and has seen the commercialization of Deception Pass. She said she has noticed that some developments violate rules and get away with it. Fidalgo Island is very fragile. The island is a big rock with deeper and shallower pockets of topsoil. She said she would like to see any further development approached slowly and carefully.

Laura Howard, Sharp Road, stated that she is representing her family. In 1997 the Skagit County Comp Plan changed their lives. They asked that their land be reevaluated. The 2-½ acre minimum lot size was changed. As a landowner, taxpayer, parent and resident, she wondered why there was any question that the Fidalgo sub-area plan should be on the list. She said they support Don Clark and his request as well as the Alger sub-area plan. The Comp Plan is a well-written, feel-good plan. However, if the County does not stand by it, it is not worth much.

Richard Bergner, 15515 Yokeko Road, South Fidalgo Island, stated that he wears a couple of hats, one as a resident of South Fidalgo Island and another as the current President of the Friends of Anacortes Forestland. He said he was born and raised near Lake Campbell and lives in the Dewey Beach area. There needs to be zoning and policies that ensure the rural character of South Fidalgo Island does not change. The lakes, mountains, woods and animals, etc., make it a very special place. The people need to work together to keep the rural character of the island. What the County does in land policies and enforcement has a big impact on the Anacortes forestland. He cited the acreages of the lakes, stating that the area is almost all surrounded by land the County has jurisdiction over. He asked that everyone work together to keep this a unique and special place.

George Theodoratus, 37921 H. 20, Concrete, said he would encourage the Commissioners to make some changes in the upper valley on the Comp Plan. As a critically depressed area, there needs to be some relief there. He said there is natural resource land adjacent to one acre and five acre lots. He cited a situation where he tried to get a permit to add a bedroom and the County put a deed restriction on it because of its proximity to natural resource land. It is an established residential area. The Critical Areas Ordinance doesn't take into consideration any previously platted areas. There needs to be some kind of lot averaging relative to setbacks.

Greg Pulley, 20737 Echo Hill Road, Sedro Woolley, said he supports Tom Solberg's sub-area plan for Alger and asked the Commissioners to approve it.

Irene Schroers, 33614 Bamboo Lane, Lake Cavanaugh, said she has lived at Lake Cavanaugh for 19 years. A few years ago, because of County regulations and restrictions, the existing store was closed and the commercial zoning was given up. She said there is a piece of property that could be commercially zoned and she hopes the Commissioners will consider designating it

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commercial. The residents have no store, gas station or boat storage close by. She asked the Commissioners to consider restoring the Commercial designation to the property. She provided letters of support from other Lake Cavanaugh residents.

John Shultz, Attorney for Dike District No. 1, on the west side of Mount Vernon, and Dike District No. 12, which protects Burlington, stated that the timeframe on these tasks seems a little ambitious. He referred to several pages in the plan relative to a non-motorized plan that would affect dike districts. Approval was given by the Commissioners to put trails on the dikes despite all of the issues involved relative to liability and insurance, etc. At the time, an appeal was made to the Commissioners. He asked that when these issues are addressed, they be given a little more time. He recommended that the timeframes be doubled.

Carole Ehlers, 3998 Windcrest Lane, West Fidalgo Island, said she is pleased that this is a hearing instead of a meeting. She suggested that the language of the hearing examiner be used relative to legal notices. Relative to substance, while the legal notice is the basis for all process, it is only the beginning of the process. The general public did not know that the Commissioners were taking away the ability of the department to prioritize the plan. It is excellent to have a six-year plan and to hire more planners and consultants, but the Commissioners haven't begun to give enough time to deal with this. She suggested that the plan be reorganized so that riparian issues are together, etc. If the Commissioners want public participation, it needs to be built into the process. It takes longer than the RCW's say it does.

Ms. Ehlers continued, saying that she is grateful the Fidalgo Plan is not starting until next year. A lot of information must be gathered to make sense of the island. In addition, it is complicated politically and geologically. She then went on to describe this. She also affirmed the importance of property rights for those who have land. She said they voted for this with the assumption that it would be altered and made more user friendly. In addition, it is complicated politically.

Ellen Gray, Director of Friends of Skagit County, P.O. Box 36, Mount Vernon, spoke, stating that she applauds the efforts of the Planning and Permit Center in their proposal for a six-year program. There are clearly a lot of issues and this will help the public to better understand the timeframe in which these issues need to be addressed. With the limited resources available to County staff and the Commissioners, it is hoped they will be prioritized. She said they recommend that the County comply with the Growth Hearings Board orders before launching any new programs. Planning has identified these tasks as 50 through 77. In addition, the Friends of Skagit County supports task number 19. This program would help the County assess how the Comp plan and development regulations are actually working before doing additional planning. The 2001 Comp Plan amendments will be coming before the Commissioners and there is a proposal for 300 acres to be expanded into the Mount Vernon UGA. It is important for the County to understand whether they have the capacity to do this in the current urban growth boundary.

She continued, referring to task number 41. Purchase or transfer of development rights can be a very effective tool for preserving farmland. It takes a long time because of the coordination with the cities. They are asking that this be initiated in 2002. This may take priority over resort expansion. She concluded, stating that they are looking forward to working with County staff and the Commissioners on the six-year plan.

Bob Bell, 516 Campbell Lake Rd., said it was not his intention to speak, but because of the opinions he has heard, he has changed his mind. The Population Bureau in Washington, D.C. has forecast that there will be 35 billion people on this globe by 2100. He said that he is old enough to have lived through the growth of the Los Angeles basin. Skagit County desperately needs a plan that is stretched out into the future. There needs to be a look at growth in the last ten years, a look at Burlington, at tracts of homes, etc. He is not saying that people should not be welcomed, but it is important to determine what the people want who are living here. Down the line, Highway 20 is going to be obsolete. Skagit County will be trashed with Highway 20 until a

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bridge is built to Camano Island. He noted that Europe has very strict rules about what you do with your land. The Commissioners need to come forward with a concrete plan that will project into the future, with some controls relative to growth. He felt the public should be more involved.

Morris Robinson, 20789 Potts Road, Day Creek, Sedro Woolley, stated that in 1997 the residents of Day Creek, along with other communities, submitted a sub-area plan. He and the residents of Day Creek have been before Commissioner Dahlstedt and Commissioner Munks' predecessors and the Planning Department and Planning Commission and were one of five areas that were to be included in the 1998 Comp Plan amendments. The fact that they have been pushed out 10 years doesn't make much sense. Day Creek is a unique area, although he said he realizes that everyone's area is unique. There is one individual in the area that makes a living farming. Ninety percent of the land is zoned Ag and rural resource with a ten-acre minimum. Also, there is a mineral overlay that they have repeatedly asked for clarification about. He said he has been before the Commissioners many times and asks that the Day Creek sub-area zone be given better consideration than it has been getting. "There are others ahead of us that haven't been in the plan as long."

Brian Wetcher, 814 26th St., Anacortes, said he supports the due process the Commissioners have finally seen fit to go forward with. He would also like to see the Commissioners move forward with the sub-area plan for Fidalgo Island and toward compliance with the Growth Hearings Board decision and the Growth Management Act. He said he has been a member of Friends of the Forest and the Evergreen Islands organizations. The Commissioners need to look seriously at the geology of the area. It is not generally a geologically stable area. It is full of wildlife and wildlife corridors. He hopes the commissioners will involve all facets of the community on South Fidalgo. There should be representatives from DOT, landowners, professionals, forestlands management professionals, and others when the Commissioners consider who should sit as a member of the South Fidalgo Island Citizens Committee relative to the sub-area plan.

Mary Lou Grafton, 3740 Birch Way, advised that they held neighborhood meetings as well as the group meeting together as a whole. That is how the rural designations were assigned on South Fidalgo Island. The community agreed that they didn't want the south end to look like the north end of Whidbey Island. She wondered why this is starting from scratch when they worked so hard and long on this. It is a fragile area, and the Sea View development came in after she moved there, the drainage came down into their community, and some people lost their backyards. The plan needs real consideration, as the geology of the island is really important.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Munks made a motion to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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Ted W. Anderson, Chairman

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

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