

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2006**

- \*T 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Bid Opening – Commuter Tickets and Booklets for the Guemes Island Ferry
- \*T 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Public Hearing – Consideration of Proposed Formation of Skagit County Lake Management District No. 4 for Clear Lake and Beaver Lake
- \*T 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Public Works – Gene Sampley, Interim Director
1. Public Hearing – Consideration of Proposed Changes to the Roll, Rates, and Charges for Skagit County Lake Management District No. 3 for Lakes Erie and Campbell
  2. Presentation – Certificate of Commendation Upon the Retirement of Jim Bergstrom, Maintenance Technician V, Road District No. 1
  3. Presentation – W & H Pacific of Information Regarding the Best/McLean Roads Intersection Project
  4. Miscellaneous

The Skagit County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, November 21, 2006, with Commissioners Kenneth A. Dahlstedt and Don Munks present. Commissioner Anderson's absence was excused.

**BID OPENING – COMMUTER TICKETS AND BOOKLETS FOR THE GUEMES ISLAND FERRY.**

Jean Alden and Jim Martin from the Public Works Department opened the following bid for commuter tickets and booklets for the Guemes Island Ferry:

PrintWise, Inc.  
2226 Market Street  
Mount Vernon, WA 98273  
Total Bid Amount: \$26,859.60

Ms. Alden indicated that the bid would be reviewed and a recommendation would be forthcoming.

**PUBLIC HEARING – CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED FORMATION OF SKAGIT COUNTY LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT NO. 4 FOR CLEAR LAKE AND BEAVER LAKE.**

Water Resource Technician Mike See said no written comments were submitted as of the date of this public hearing. Mr. See said representatives from Washington Department of Ecology and Fish and Wildlife Department were given an opportunity to attend today's hearing but no one from either department appeared today.

Mr. See informed the Board at the conclusion of today's hearing, a Resolution submitting the question of a Lake Management District will be available for the Board to consider signing. If the Board approves this resolution, the resolution will authorize staff to mail out ballots to all the landowners in the proposed Lake Management District. The ballots will be weighted upon the amount proposed to be assessed to each landowner. Mr. See explained that for every dollar the landowner is proposed to be assessed annually, they will receive one vote. A simple majority of the vote's cast will decide whether the proposed Lake Management District is approved or rejected.

Commissioner Dahlstedt opened the public hearing.

Mike Janicki, 810 Talcott Street, Sedro-Woolly, commended Mike See for his dedication and hard work on this project. Mr. Janicki said this is the opportune time to get these two lakes cleaned up. There are several strands of toxic weeds that are in the lake right now and every time it floods, the weeds spread into people's fields and drainage ditches.

There being no further public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Munks motioned to close the public hearing; Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The public hearing was closed.

The Commissioners commended the landowners for taking the time and effort involved in forming this Lake Management District.

Commissioner Munks moved to approve the Resolution submitting the question of creating Skagit County Lake Management District No. 4 for Clear & Beaver Lakes; Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. R)**

### **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – GENE SAMPLEY, INTERIM DIRECTOR**

#### **1. Public Hearing – Consideration of Proposed Changes to the Roll, Rates, and Charges for Skagit County Lake Management District No. 3 for Lakes Erie and Campbell.**

Mike See next provided the Board with an overview of the changes recommended by the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). Mr. See said the goal of this public hearing is to hear any objections to the proposed special assessment changes for Lake Management District No. 3; and, for the Board to act as a Board of Equalization to correct, modify, or, approve the special assessment changes.

Mr. See informed the Board that at the conclusion of this public hearing, there is a resolution to amend roll, rates and charges for Skagit County Lake Management District No. 3. for the Board to approve or deny.

Mr. See advised the Board that one written objection to the changes has been received and that the landowner objecting to the changes is present today.

Commissioner Dahlstedt opened the public hearing.

Guy Thornburgh, 5722 Campbell Lake Road, Anacortes, said his parcel was originally developed as residential and that at one point his wife had a small commercial business on the property but that business has been relocated to Mount Vernon. Mr. Thornburgh said he objects to the proposed special assessment changes because he thinks the property is still considered to be residential.

Commissioner Munks asked Mr. Thornburg how many years he had the commercial business on the property before the business relocated. Mr. Thornburg estimated the business was on the property for approximately five to six years before it relocated. Mr. Thornburg also added that the property was not developed principally as a commercial business. He said the property was mainly residential. He also informed the Board that this property is a conservation easement.

Marsha Flowers, 6080 Campbell Lake Road, Anacortes, said she is the Chair for the CAC, and Ms. Flowers supports Mr. Thornburgh's assertions of his property being a private garden. Ms. Flowers recommends that the first item on the proposed resolution be removed.

Commissioner Dahlstedt asked if this proposed resolution is the recommendation of the CAC, and if these changes were voted on by the Committee. Commissioner Dahlstedt also questioned whether the first item on the proposed resolution could be stricken without a vote from the CAC.

The Commissioners agreed this matter should be deferred back to the Committee to make a recommendation to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Munks moved to continue this public hearing to December 5, 2006 at 8:00 a.m. to take under advisement that particular piece of property and the recommendation from the CAC. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**2. Presentation – Certificate of Commendation Upon the Retirement of Jim Bergstrom, Maintenance Technician V, Road District No. 1.**

Cliff Butler, Manager of the Public Works Road Maintenance Division, stated that Jim Bergstrom began working for Skagit County on January 1, 1975, and has done everything there was to do for the Road Maintenance Department. Mr. Butler said Mr. Bergstrom worked in all three districts worked later in his career as the top operator for District 1 and will truly be missed.

Chris Seidel, Supervisor of District 1 Public Works Operations, stated that he has worked directly with Jim Bergstrom for the past year and half. Mr. Seidel said that the decision to utilize Mr. Bergstrom's 32 years of experience in the field has benefited everyone and he will really be missed when he retires. Mr. Seidel wished Mr. Bergstrom all the best in his retirement.

Commissioner Munks read the Certificate of Commendation and presented it to Mr. Bergstrom. Mr. Bergstrom thanked the Board and his fellow workers for the opportunity to work 32 years for Skagit County.

The Commissioners wished him well.

**3. Presentation – W & H Pacific of Information Regarding the Best/McLean Roads Intersection Project.**

Assistant Public Works Engineer Janice Marlega told the Commissioners that Skagit County Public Works received a federal grant to make improvements at the Best/McLean Roads Intersection. Ms. Marlega informed the Commissioners that W & H Pacific are the consultants that have been hired to provide assistance with public outreach and to prepare the intersection design.

Ms. Marlega reviewed the proposed schedule for this project indicated the schedule for the project was aggressive because the grants funds that were received will have to be spent in 2007.

Ms. Marlega introduced staff from W & H Pacific, Mark Van Wormer, and Daran Murata.

Mr. Murata presented a PowerPoint presentation and explained alternatives that were looked at to improve the safety at this intersection.

In summary, Mr. Murata informed the Board of their findings of the alternatives as follows:

The Commissioners asked Mr. Murata about the design of the roundabout and the concerns farmers have in maneuvering their wider farm equipment around the roundabout. Mr. Murata explained that W & H Pacific had specific software that would address those concerns.

Ms. Marlega informed the Board the next step in this process is to gather comments and to hold a public open house.

The Commissioners suggested a couple of locations to hold the public open houses. One being, La Conner Flats, and, the other could be the Fredonia Grange.

The Commissioners thanked W & H Pacific for the presentation.

**4. Miscellaneous.**

Thomas Sheahan, Director of Emergency Management, acknowledged Commissioner Anderson for his dedication to public service in his tenure as Commissioner and said that he will be missed.

Mr. Sheahan presented preliminary public and private damage assessment caused during the recent flood. He said he will send the Commissioners electronic copies of the public and private damage estimates. Mr. Sheahan informed the Commissioners that all preliminary damage estimates have been forwarded to the Governor.

**ADJOURNMENT.**

Commissioner Munks made a motion to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Chairman

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Don Munks, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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JoAnne Giesbrecht, Clerk of the Board  
Skagit County Board of Commissioners