

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2009**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 24, 2009, with Commissioners Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Sharon D. Dillon, and Ron Wesen present.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Dahlstedt called the proceedings to order at 9:15 a.m. He announced there was a miscommunication of the scheduling of the public hearing to consider the Public Health Department's Updated Fee Schedule and the Board would reconvene at 9:30 a.m.

Chairman Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 9:17 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairman Dahlstedt led the gallery in the pledge to the flag.

III. AGENDA:

A. 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Public Hearing - To Consider an Updated Fee Schedule for the Public Health Department

Chairman Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 9:30 a.m.

Chairman Dahlstedt announced due to a computer error, the publication notice of the hearing scheduled to consider public testimony of the Public Health Department's Updated Fee Schedule was not advertised in the Skagit Valley Herald. He stated in order to provide sufficient public notice the hearing has been rescheduled to Tuesday, March 17, 2009, at 1:30 p.m. in the Commissioners' Hearing Room located at 1800 Continental Place in Mount Vernon.

Chairman Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 9:32 a.m.

C. 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Planning & Development Services - Gary Christensen, Director

1. Discussion/Possible Action - Nookachamps Mitigation Bank Project

Project Manager Betsy Stevenson stated Nookachamps, LLC is establishing the Nookachamps Wetland Mitigation Bank to provide compensatory mitigation in advance of unavoidable impacts to wetlands and other aquatic resources from future development projects within the lower Skagit River Basin.

Sky Miller who is a Civil Engineer with Wildlands, Inc. requested the Commissioners sign the Mitigation Banking Instrument.

After a brief discussion, the Commissioners stated they had some questions

regarding the mitigation bank proposal and would postpone making any decisions until they could consult with the County's legal counsel.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dillon to postpone a final decision until Tuesday, March 17, 2009, at 8:00 a.m. Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

2. Discussion - Status of Alternative Futures Project

Senior Planner Kirk Johnson provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Skagit County Alternative Futures Project. He stated this is a project to evaluate how the Skagit Valley will develop over the next 50 years, through the year 2060. Mr. Johnson stated the project requires a considerable amount of County staff time and resources. He said a request for \$300,000 has been submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency to help fund the Alternative Futures Project.

Josh Greenberg of Skagit County Geographical and Mapping Services provided Skagit County and watershed land cover maps. Mr. Greenberg stated there are approximately 1.1 million acres of land located within Skagit County and 2 million acres are within the watershed.

The Commissioners thanked the Alternative Futures group for the presentation.

3. Miscellaneous

There were no miscellaneous items for Planning and Development Services to discuss.

Chairman Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 10:07 a.m.

D. 11:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Public Comment Period

Chairman Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 11:30 a.m.

Eugene Landers of 4736 Sharp Road in Anacortes stated the right-of-way next their property was not being maintained.

Mary Heinrich of 426 Lafayette Drive on Camano Island spoke about the County's process of accepting applications, reviewing, and approving, or denying permits for commercial wetland mitigation banks. She requested the Commissioners consider extending their consideration of the banking instrument for the Nookachamps Mitigation Bank Project to allow additional public hearings.

Ellen Bynum of 110 N. First Street in Mount Vernon submitted a letter regarding the Friends of Skagit County's concerns regarding the Nookachamps Wetland Mitigation Project.

Chairman Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 11:47 a.m.

ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/02242009

- E. 2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Proclamation - February 17-20, 2009, as FFA (Future Farmers of America) Week in Skagit County

Chairman Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 2:32. p.m.

Commissioner Wesen read a proclamation declaring February 17, through 20, 2009, as Future Farmers of America Week in Skagit County.

IV. 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, the Board by majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows:
- a) Warrants numbered 292439 through 292517 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$218,171.96 (Transmittal No. C-30-09).

V. ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Dahlstedt adjourned the proceedings at 2:42 p.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Chairman

Sharon D. Dillon, Commissioner

Ron Wesen, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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