

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2010**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 2, 2010, with Commissioners Sharon D. Dillon, Ron Wesen, and Kenneth A. Dahlstedt present.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Dillon called the proceedings to order at 8:03 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chair Dillon led the gallery in the salute to the flag.

III. AGENDA:

a) 8:00 a.m. -9:00 a.m. Public Works- Thomas G. Ballard, Interim Director

1. Public Hearing to Consider Testimony Regarding the Abolishment and Distribution of Assets of the Warner Prairie Sub-Flood Control Zone

Mr. Dan Berentson, Natural Resource Administrator, was present to introduce Jan Flagan, Section Manager of Surface Water, to brief the Board on the details of the abolishment of the Warner Prairie Sub-Flood Control Zone. It was established in 1987 and this abolishment would transfer the zone to the drainage utility. Instead of paying a fee to the sub-flood control zone, a fee would be paid to the drainage utility. Public Works is abolishing the Sub-Flood Control Zones in order to bring them under the county wide utility district which was formed in 1994.

Chair Dillon opened the public hearing at 8:08 a.m.

Roy Donaldson of 4201 Saje Lane in Sedro-Woolley, stated he has lived in the sub-flood zone for 25 years. Mr. Donaldson wanted to make sure that the Commissioners were aware of a problem they experienced a few years ago caused from a heavy snow event. He said water overflow from this event broke over the ditch and flooded under his house. He has since spent time and money defending his property from future flooding. He is now concerned about excess water going down the hill and washing out Prairie Road.

Rusty Feay of 3897 Saje Lane in Sedro-Woolley, elaborated on what Mr. Donaldson stated and suggested tying the drainage from the intersection into another intersection down below. Mr. Feay stated this would protect Prairie Road.

Seeing no further public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Dahlstedt moved to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Commissioner Wesen. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commissioners thanked everyone for coming today. Chair Dillon said she was looking forward to managing the sub-flood control zone areas through one entity.

Mr. Berentson informed those present that Public Works would be looking into drainage concerns brought up today by Mr. Donaldson and Mr. Feay.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve the Resolution to abolish the Warner Prairie Sub-Flood Control Zone. **(Resolution No. R20100075)** Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

2. Miscellaneous

Public Works did not have any miscellaneous items to discuss.

- b) 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Consideration of the Hearing Examiner's Recommendation for Approval of:

Chair Dillon reconvened the proceedings at 9:00 a.m.

Karie Storle, Current Use Specialist, from the Assessor's Office was present to brief the Commissioners on each of the six applications.

1. Current Use Open Space Farm and Agriculture Conservation Application of Laurel Perrigo for property located South of State Route 20 and North of Cape Horn Road (C/UTROS #3-2009)

This application includes parcel numbers P116600, P43006, P42921. These properties have received Current Use Farm and Ag benefit since 1972. The applicant's husband farmed the property until his death in 1999. Due to her age (83), it is not possible for her to continue the farming operation herself. She wishes to preserve the acreage so that it can be farmed again in the future. Therefore, the applicant is asking for approval of transfer from Current Use Farm and Agriculture requesting transfer to Current Use Open Space Farm and Agriculture Conservation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve the Resolution concerning the Open Space Application of Laurel Perrigo, CUTROS #3-2009. **(Resolution No. R20100076)** Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

2. Current Use Timber Application of Karen Rothenberg for property located West of Lake McMurray and North of State Route 534 (C/UTRTMB #3-2009)

**This application includes parcel number P17309.** This property has received Current Use Farm and Agriculture benefit since 1980. The 34 acres is sloped and quite steep in some areas. It is all forested and not suitable for farming. Most of the area supports a mixture of hardwood and conifer, big leaf maple, alder, cedar and some hemlock, and the parcel was selectively logged in 1975. Therefore, the applicant is asking for approval of transfer from Current Use Farm and Agriculture to Current Use Timber.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve the Resolution concerning the application of Karen Rothenberg's property, CUTRTMB #3-2009, with all of the parcel number(s) as outlined by Karie Storle of the Assessor's Office. **(Resolution No. R20100077)** Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

3. **Current Use Timber Application of Yinkay Heritage Inc. for property located Southeast of Gunderson Road and West of Walking M Lane (C/UTMB #4-2009 and C/UTMB #5-2009)**

**This application includes parcel numbers P30521 and P30520.** Nearly 8 acres of parcel P30521 is in power and natural gas pipeline right of ways. The surrounding forest consists of an immature stand (15+ years) of red alder, black cottonwood, Douglas fir, western red cedar and scattered willow. (P30520) is a forested area which consists of an immature stand (5-15+ years) of red alder, Douglas fir and wetland brush species. The parcels are not currently in a Current Use Program, therefore, the owner is asking for approval to place the parcels in the Current Use Timber program.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve the Resolution concerning the application of Yinkay Heritage, Inc. for CUTM #4-2009, and CUTMB #5-2009, with all of the parcel number (s) as outlined by Karie Storle of the Assessor's Office. **(Resolution No. R20100078 and R20100079)** Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

4. **Current Use Timber Application of Yinkay Heritage Inc. for property located in the Walker Valley (C/UTMB #6-2009)**

**This includes parcel numbers P17917, P30587, P30539, P39538, P30537, P35040, P30564 P30563, P30565 and P30570.** The properties have had eleven separate forest management plans prepared for them; one for each of the Assessors parcels involved. In general, trees are in immature stands of mixed hardwood and conifer. There are some water and wetland areas. Therefore, since the parcels are not currently in a Current Use Program, the

applicant is requesting to place the 307.57 acres in the Current Use Timber Program.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve the Resolution concerning the application of Yinkay Heritage, Inc. for CUTMB #6-2009, with all of the parcel number(s) as outlined by Karie Storle of the Assessor's Office. **(Resolution No. R20100080)** Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

5. **Current Use Timber Application of Fred P. Hermann for property North of East Elk Run Drive and West of lot 38 of Elk Run Estates (C/U #7-2009)**

This includes parcel number P38893. This property consists of 20 acres. There is a 1-acre home site and the rest is 19 acres of forest land. The current zoning is secondary forest. The forested area consists of a stand of mixed native western red cedar, big leaf maple, western hemlock, birch and red alder. Therefore, since the parcel is not currently in a Current Use Program, the applicant is requesting to place 19 acres in the Current Use Timber Program.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve the Resolution concerning the application of Fred Hermann property, CU #7-2009, with all of the parcel number(s) as outlined by Karie Storle of the Assessor's Office. **(Resolution No. R20100081)** Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Chair Dillon recessed the proceedings at 9:12 a.m.

c) 10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Human Rights Proclamation

Chair Dillon reconvened the proceedings at 10:32 a.m.

Jim Justice was present with others to inform the Commissioners about the Human Rights Festival taking place at both the Phillip Tarro Theatre on the Skagit Valley College Campus and at the Lincoln Theatre. The festival begins Friday, March 5, 2010. Ms. Justice acknowledged their sponsors and the others present briefed the Board on the activities planned for the month of March.

The independent radio station KSVR 91.7 will be broadcasting points of view which the media does not portray. They will also be recording many of the events and re-playing them on-air.

The Lincoln Theatre is exhibiting art which depicts human rights issues, is showing the film, Hannah Free, and a documentary, The Other Side of Immigration. A panel of experts will be available after the film to discuss immigration issues.

A film documenting housing issues will be played at the Phillip Tarro Theatre and a 5-person panel will be discussing housing issues in Skagit County, as well as taking questions from the audience. On March 6th a workshop will be held regarding

alternative building techniques. Health discussions will be held at the Theatre and a discussion on Bosnia as well. Darfur and genocide will be discussed on other days.

Detailed information on the festival's showings and discussions can be found online at [www.ppplanet.org](http://www.ppplanet.org)

The Commissioners thanked Ms. Justice and the others for their presentation. Commissioner Dahlstedt read the proclamation which proclaimed March 2010 as Human Rights Month.

Chair Dillon recessed the proceedings.

- d) 11:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Public Comment Period

Chair Dillon reconvened the proceedings at 11:31 a.m.

Seeing no one present, Commissioner Wesen made a motion to close the public comment period, which was seconded by Commissioner Dahlstedt. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Dahlstedt invited the public to come share issues of concern with them during this time. They are also interested in learning about positive things going on in the community.

Chair Dillon wondered if the local chambers of commerce would be interested in presenting information to Skagit County.

#### IV. VOUCHERS AND WARRANTS:

- 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 315057 through 315057 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$65,808.18 (Transmittal No. C-27-10).

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve the Warrants numbered 315057 through 315057 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$65,808.18 (Transmittal No. C-27-10). Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

#### V. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Dillon adjourned the proceedings at 11:33 a.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Sharon D. Dillon, Chair

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Ron Wesen, Commissioner

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Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Linda Hammons, Clerk of the Board  
Skagit County Board of Commissioners