

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2011**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 8, 2011, with Commissioners Ron Wesen, Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, and Sharon D. Dillon present.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Wesen called the proceedings to order at 8:15 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairman Wesen led the gallery in the salute to the flag.

III. AGENDA:

- a) 8:15 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Decision: Closed Record Appeal PL10-0467 Submitted by Skagit County Planning and Development Services to Revoke or Modify Special Use Permit PL08-0438 for Failing to Meet the Conditions of Approval (Special use Request (PL08-0439) Submitted by Travis Lundgren

Chairman Wesen stated that the decision would be postponed to allow time for the Prosecuting Attorney's office to bring forward a signed settlement agreement.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dillon to approve postponing the decision on Closed Record Appeal PL10-0467 Submitted by Skagit County Planning and Development Services to Revoke or Modify Special Use Permit PL08-0438 for Failing to Meet the Conditions of Approval (Special use Request (PL08-0439) Submitted by Travis Lundgren until Tuesday, February 15, 2011, at 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

- b) 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Public Works - Henry Hash, Director:

Chairman Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 8:32 a.m.

- a. Work Session/Discussion - Natural Resources' Division Projects

Henry Hash, Director, introduced staff from the Natural Resource Division.

Dan Berentson, Manager Natural Resources Division, introduced Mary Sutton Carruthers, Environmental Resources Technician; Rick Haley, Water Quality Analyst; and Corinne Story, Skagit County Environmental Health Manager. Mr. Haley reported on the Clean Samish Initiative and the progress to date. He stated that water quality sampling has been expanded; landowner contact and property inspections have begun. Mr. Haley indicated that County partners in the Environmental Protection Agency, the

Department of Ecology, and the State Shellfish Office are fully engaged with their outreach and education programs and that citizen participation has been excellent.

Ms. Story reported on the landowner contact in Samish sub-basin. She stated that letters were mailed to 74 property owners, and 34 responses have been received. She went on to say that, site visits have been conducted on Thomas Creek and in the Middle Samish to monitor the water quality.

The Commissioners viewed a PowerPoint presentation depicting the Samish River at Thomas Road fecal coliform levels. Mr. Haley said the outcome of the program would be long-term responsible management of fecal coliform sources by those who live in watershed, resulting in a stable commercial shellfish industry, and reduced risk to public health and the environment.

The Commissioners viewed an extract from a short video that was produced by County staff and Skagit 21. The video described the fecal coliform situation in the Samish Watershed.

Mr. Berentson reported on the Skagit River General Investigation (GI) Reset process. He indicated that a meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers would be scheduled for late February or early March.

b. Work Session/Discussion - Engineering Division Projects

Jennifer Swanson, Project Manager, reported on the Anacortes and Guemes Island Ferry Dock Rehabilitation, Ferry Terminal Asphalt Overlay, Transfer Station 2011 projects.

George Dragseth, Project Manager, reported on the 2011 Asphalt Overlay Program, Farm to Market Road Culvert, Francis Road Reconstruction and Skiyou Slough Ditch Tightline.

Mike Farthing, Project Manager, reported on the Anderson-LaVenture and 9 to 5 Corridor Safety Project, and the Alger Intersection projects.

David Walde, Acting Construction Manager, reported on the Conrad Road Bridge Installation and Parson Creek and Friday Road Stabilization projects.

Paul Randall-Grutter, Project Manager, reported on the Janicki Road In-Place Cement Treated Base and Sand Bunker and Wash Rack projects.

c. Miscellaneous

There were no miscellaneous items for Public Works to discuss.

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

c) 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Planning and Development Services - Gary Christensen - Director:

1. Discussion/Possible Action: Set Time and Date for a Closed Record Hearing to Review the Hearing Examiner's Recommendation of Approval for the

Preliminary Plat of the "David Welts Subdivision" PL96-0058. (Located at the End of Sinnes Road, Northeast of Conway in Mount Vernon)

Chairman Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 9:35 a.m.

Gary Christensen, Director, was present to introduce Brandon Black, Senior Planner. Mr. Black requested that the Board set a time and date for the Closed Recording hearing to review the Hearing Examiner's Recommendation of Approval for the Preliminary Plat of the "David Welts Subdivision: PL96-0058. He went on to explain that the project includes the creation of 59 single-family residential lots on approximately 83 acres.

Commissioner Dahlstedt commented on concerns with drainage issues, road standards, and water issues related to approved developments.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve setting Tuesday, February 15, 2011, at 11:00 a.m. for a Closed Record Hearing to Review the Hearing Examiner's Recommendation of Approval for the Preliminary Plat of the "David Welts Subdivision" PL96-0058. (Located at the End of Sinnes Road, Northeast of Conway in Mount Vernon) Commissioner Dillon seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

2. Miscellaneous

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

Chairman Wesen recessed the proceedings at 9:43 a.m.

d) 11:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Presentation: Skagit Valley Tulip Festival - 2011 Poster

Chairman Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 11:15 a.m.

Cindy Verge, Skagit Valley Tulip Festival Director; Nancy Jankelson Skagit Valley Tulip Festival Assistant Director; and Midge Howard (McGregor/Yellow Book) presented the Poster for the 2011 Skagit Valley Tulip Festival. The artist for 2011 was John C. Ebner of Camano Island.

Ms. Verge said the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival would begin on April 1, and end on April 30, 2011.

The Commissioners thanked the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival for the poster.

Chairman Wesen recessed the proceedings at 11:24 a.m.

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

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

Carol Ehlers of West Fidalgo Island commented on dangerous driving conditions reported in the Anacortes American on December 8, 2010. Ms. Ehlers commented on the need to declare a state of emergency during dangerous weather conditions, and the lack of appropriate information provided to the public.

Ed Johnson of 25451 Lake Cavanaugh Road in Mount Vernon commented on the issues of people trespassing on his property, and that his friend from China was detained for several hours by U.S. Immigration and Customs officials while entering the United States from China. Mr. Johnson's friend, Lily Xiang, explained her experience.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Wesen adjourned the proceedings at 11:44 a.m.

Chairman Wesen announced that County offices would be closed on Monday, February 14, 2011, for a mandatory closure day.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Ron Wesen, Chairman

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

Sharon D. Dillon, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Linda Hammons, Clerk of the Board