

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2012**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 14, 2012, with Commissioners Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Sharon D. Dillon, and Ron Wesen present.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Dahlstedt called the proceedings to order at 10:02 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

III. AGENDA:

a) 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Sustainability - Ryan Walters, Sustainability Administrator:

1. Presentation: Sustainability Update

Sustainability Administrator Ryan Walters presented the Commissioners with the 2011 third and fourth quarter reports.

Sustainability Coordinator Kaci Radcliffe presented the notable numbers for the Zero-Waste events. She stated that in the fourth quarter, the program diverted 6,435 pounds of waste from the landfill by composting and recycling at the events. There was a total attendance of 1,950 people at the fourth quarter Zero-Waste events.

Ms. Radcliffe informed the Commissioners that even though the GreenPrint program had been under utilized throughout the County, it had helped to save 5,553 pages from being printed, which was an overall 5.3% savings, equaled \$1,008 in printing costs; and 4,000 lbs of Co2.

The accomplishments of Skagit Community Energy Challenge (CEC) were discussed. It was noted that Whatcom CEC collaborated with Skagit County to produce fliers and tri-fold program documents. The goal of the Skagit CEC was to provide energy efficiency assessments to 80 residential homes. The published program can be found at <http://www.skagitcounty.net/SCEC>.

The Commissioners were invited to attend an open house regarding the Skagit Community Energy Challenge on Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at 2:30 p.m. The open house was scheduled to be held at the Skagit County Commissioners' Administrative Building in the Commons Area, located at 1800 Continental Place in Mount Vernon.

Skagit County residents that wish to sign-up for the program can contact the Program Sustainability Coordinator by e-mail at SkagitCEC@co.skagit.wa.us or by telephone at (360) 419-7607.

Ms. Radcliffe reported that the Skagit Council of Government (SCOG) shared Resource Conservation Manager (RCM) Program saw a decrease in CO2 emissions and saved 227 tons of CO2 in three years. It was noted that the program ended in November and that SCOG's RCM Ric Roge had retired. The Port of Skagit and Skagit PUD agreed to join the new RCM Program and the RCM duties were transferred to the Skagit County Sustainability Coordinator.

Mr. Walters indicated that the energy savings performance contracting project had begun weekly planning meetings with McKinstry. The implementation of the project began in January 2012 and is expected to end by July 2012. The program begun with weatherization upgrades and will move into lighting, mechanical/electrical, retro-commissioning, and water conservation. He went on to discuss small energy projects, electric vehicles and the feasibility of charging stations at County facilities.

Mr. Walters discussed other projects, including E-Discovery, which is the electronic transfer of documents to the Sheriff, Prosecutor, and Public Defender. He also discussed other paperless projects.

Commissioner Dahlstedt suggested the Sustainability Program collaborate with SCOG to reach out to the City of Mount Vernon to get their participation.

The Commissioners were presented with an update of the goals of the Climate Action Plan. The update will be published after it has been reviewed with the Climate Action Task Force.

The Commissioners thanked the Sustainability Program for the presentation.

Chairman Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 10:53 a.m.

- b) 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Presentation: Samish Indian Nation of Washington - Proposed Trust Land Legislation

Chairman Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 11:02 a.m.

Samish Indian Nation Chairman Tom Wooten provided a PowerPoint presentation and a brief history of the Samish Indian Nation of Washington. He noted that the Tribe's traditional territory stretched over a four-county region of Northwest Washington, which ranged from the Cascades to the western shores of the San Juan Islands.

Chairman Wooten stated that the Samish Nation was seeking congressional action to direct the Secretary of the Interior to place 107 acres of land currently owned by Samish in fee simple into trust for non-gaming purposes for the benefit of the Tribe. The properties would, once placed into trust status, allow the Tribe to address basic tribal services and needs such as a tribal administration complex; longhouse for preschool and elders; the Thomas Creek property would be used for agriculture and natural resources; the Mud Bay property would be used for oyster beds; and the property adjacent to Campbell Lake would be used for agriculture and natural resources.

Chairman Wooten said that there was key language within the legislation that would prohibit any future use of any portion of these properties for gaming purposes. He asked the Commissioners for their support for the trust land legislation, and presented a map and the draft bill for their consideration. He stated that the Samish Indian Nation intended to meet with the City of Anacortes and the San Juan County Commissioners and provide them with the same information.

Chairman Dahlstedt stated that the Commissioners would have to discuss this matter with legal counsel prior to making any decisions.

Chairman Dahlstedt recognized Samish Indian Nation General Manager Lesley Eastwood, Legal Counsel Leann Eaton, and Tribal Council Member Dave Black who were present in the gallery.

Chairman Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 11:25 a.m.

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

Chairman Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 11:31 a.m.

Carol Ehlers of West Fidalgo Island spoke about the rain water running off driveways on Rosario Road and running into Lake Erie during the recent rainstorm. She also commented on the 17 topics that the Commissioners provided to the Planning Commission. Ms. Ehlers said that there was not enough time during the Planning Commission meeting to comment on the topics and that she would periodically be coming before the Commissioners to provide comments. She said that one area that would help Planning Department staff would be that staff be provided with two computer screens at their desk to allow them to view topographic maps and parcels at the same time. She requested that the Commissioners allow staff from the Planning Department to have access to surplus screens.

Ms. Ehlers commented on map that was produced by a consultant regarding the South Fidalgo Plan and indicated that the map was the most useful map that she had ever seen. She also commented on the Water System Plan, and said that the Planning Department needed more space to keep all the plans.

d) *2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Executive Session (Potential Litigation)

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

The Commissioners attended an executive session from 2:05 p.m. to 2:37 p.m., the topic was Real Estate Sale - RCW 42.30.110(1)(c). (Matters relating to real estate sale or lease where public knowledge would impact price negotiations.) Attendees were Commissioners Ken Dahlstedt; Sharon Dillon; Ron Wesen; County Administrator Tim Holloran; Public Works Director Henry Hash; Natural Resources Manager Dan Berentson; County Engineer Paul Randall-Grutter; Parks, Recreation, and Fairgrounds Director Brian Adams, Farmland Legacy, Resource Lands Coordinator Kendra Smith, Natural Resource/Surface Water Kara Symonds; and Prosecutor Rich Weyrich.

Chairman Dahlstedt adjourned the proceedings at 11:43 a.m.

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SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Chairman

Sharon D. Dillon, Commissioner

Ron Wesen, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Linda Hammons, Clerk of the Board