

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2012**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 24, 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 9:15 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

III. AGENDA:

a) 9:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Administrative Services - Tim Holloran, County Administrator:

1. Discussion/Possible Action: Resolution to Authorize Applications for 50% Grant Funding Match through the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) to the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) for the Acquisition of Eleven (11) Conservation Easements, submitted by Innovative Environments, LLC, Consultant Kendra Smith

County Administrator Tim Holloran presented the Resolution to Authorize the Application for 50% Grant Funding Match through the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) to the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) for Acquisition of Eleven (11) Conservation Easements and to introduce Innovative Environments, LLC, Consultant Kendra Smith.

Ms. Smith explained that the Recreation and Conservation Office required the authorization of the applications from the Board of County Commissioners as part of the application process.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve the resolution authorizing Farmland Legacy Program to enter into RCO WWRP farmland preservation grant for the listed properties.

(Resolution No. R20120134) Commissioner Dillon seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

Chairman Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 9:25 a.m.

b) 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Presentation: Skagit Conservation District Firewise Video

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

Conservation Futures Program Coordinator Kendra Smith was present to introduce Skagit Conservation District Firewise Program Coordinator/Outreach Assistant Jennifer Hinderman.

Ms. Hinderman thanked the Commissioners for continuing to support the Firewise Program and explained that the video was created to address the unique fire concerns of Western Washington. Ms. Hinderman provided the Firewise video and said that additional copies could be obtained from the Skagit Conservation District.

There was a discussion about education, costs, and consequences of building homes in forested areas.

The Commissioners thanked Skagit Conservation District for the presentation.

Chairman Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 10:03 a.m.

- c) 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Proclamation: Recognizing April 29 through May 6, 2012, as Soil and Water Stewardship Week in Skagit County

Skagit Conservation District Director Carolyn Kelly introduced Youth Education and Data Information Coordinator Cindy Pierce.

Ms. Pierce explained the purpose of Soil & Water Stewardship Week and the need to care for such valuable resources. She indicated that Soil & Water Stewardship Week was sponsored by the National Association of Conservation Districts, with the theme of "Soil to Spoon." This year's celebration is scheduled from April 29, 2012 through May 6, 2012. Ms. Pierce stated that the overall winner in the poster contest in the category 4-6th grade was Shayl Axthelm; the runner-up winner was Gabriela Santiago; category 7-9th grade winner was Rosenda Ventura; Category K-1st grade winner was Zoey Nicols, and the category 10-12th grade winner was Jovani Villanveva.

Commissioner Wesen read the Proclamation recognizing April 29 through May 6, 2012, as Soil and Water Stewardship Week in Skagit County.

- d) 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Skagit County Community Services - Jennifer Kingsley, Director, in Coordination with Skagit County Community Action Agency - Bill Henkel, Director:

- 1. Public Hearing to Consider Testimony Regarding the Application for Public Service Grant Component of the Community Development Block Grant

Skagit County Community Services Operations Manager Bob Hicks stated that Skagit County had an opportunity to apply for Community Development Block Grant Public Services funding in the amount of \$55,236 to be used to increase homeless and critical needs services through the East County Resource Center.

Community Action Agency Services Division Director Lynn Christofersen said that the East County office served as a nexus of social services for the communities in Concrete, Hamilton, Lyman, Rockport and Marblemount. She indicated that over the past seven years, Community Action had played a significant role in expanding social services through the East County

Resource Center in Concrete.

Chairman Dahlstedt opened the public hearing at 10:44 a.m., seeing no public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Dillon made a motion to close the public hearing at 10:44 a.m. Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dillon to approve that Skagit County move forward with the application for Public Service Grant Component of the Community Development Block Grant
Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion.
The vote passed unanimously.

Chairman Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 10:46 a.m.

e) 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Prosecuting Attorney's Office - Rich Weyrich, Prosecutor:

Chairman Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 11:01 a.m.

1. Public Hearing to Consider Testimony Regarding Interim Ordinance No. O20120002, Adopted on April 3, 2012, Imposing a Moratorium Prohibiting the Permitting, Establishment, or Maintenance of any Cannabis Dispensary or Collective Garden within Skagit County

Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Ryan Walters was present on behalf of the Prosecutor Richard Weyrich.

Mr. Walters explained that the purpose of the public hearing was to allow the Commissioners to take comments on the moratorium. He explained that the Commissioners were required to hold a public hearing within 60 days of the adoption of the moratorium.

Chairman Dahlstedt opened the public hearing at 11:04 a.m. seeing no public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Dillon made a motion to close the public hearing at 11:04 a.m. Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Walters explained that the moratorium would be in effect from April 3, 2012, through April 3, 2013. He said that the Prosecutor, in coordination with the Skagit County Planning and Development Services Department, the cities, and the Sheriff, would work to develop permanent regulations regarding the establishment, or maintenance of any cannabis dispensary or collective garden within Skagit County.

Chairman Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 11:06 a.m.

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

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

Seeing no one present to testify during the public comment period, Chairman Dahlstedt closed the public comment period at 11:34 a.m.

Chairman Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 11:36 a.m.

- g) 11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Proclamation: Recognizing April 23 through April 29, 2012, as Skagit Kids Read Week in Skagit County

Chairman Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 11:45 a.m.

Children's Museum of Skagit County Director Cate Melcher Anderson presented and introduced two Skagit County authors. She said that this year there were two books recognizing Skagit Kids Read Week; "You Will Always be My Son" by Kelli Nielsen and Kelly [Benham] Hawkins, and "BittyBug and LadyBug" by Rebecca DeField.

Ms. Melcher Anderson said that the museum had received a gift from an anonymous donor which would match up to \$157,500 dollar for dollar to help pay off the remaining \$315,000 of the loan that financed the construction of the museum's current space in the Cascade Mall. She said that retiring that loan would allow the museum to move forward to finalize existing exhibits and add new exhibits.

Commissioner Dillon read the proclamation recognizing April 23 through April 29, 2012, as Skagit Kids Read Week in Skagit County.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Dahlstedt adjourned the proceedings at 11:57 a.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Chairman

Sharon D. Dillon, Commissioner

Ron Wesen, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Linda Hammons, Clerk of the Board