

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2013**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, May 7, 2013, with Commissioners Sharon D. Dillon, Ron Wesen, and Kenneth A. Dahlstedt present.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Dillon called the proceedings to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

III. AGENDA:

a) 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Proclamation Recognizing May 5, through May 11, 2013, as Wildfire Awareness Week in Skagit County

Carolyn Kelly Skagit Conservation District Manager spoke about the new multi-state effort to pool resources in an effort to provide public safety and protect natural resources. The States involved in this effort include Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Nevada, and California Ms. Kelly went on to address the roles and responsibilities of Fire Adapted Communities (FAC). She explained that FAC's work together to take responsibility for their own wildfire risk and address resident safety, homes, neighborhoods, businesses and infrastructure, forests, parks, open spaces, and other community assets.

Al Craney Skagit Conservation District Forester spoke about the Firewise Program. Fred Wefer Fire Warden spoke about Emergency Management's work with the Conservation District and the Department of Natural Resources on the Taylor Bridge and the Wenatchee Complex Fires.

Ed Stauffer of Bow spoke about his community's involvement in the Firewise Program.

Commissioner Dahlstedt read the proclamation recognizing May 5, through May 11, 2013, as Wildfire Awareness Week in Skagit County, and encouraged all citizens to join in this special observance.

Chair Dillon recessed the proceedings at 9:26 a.m.

b) 9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Skagit County Sheriff Will Reichardt: Introduction of New Staff Member - Corrections Deputy Andrew Irvin

Chair Dillon reconvened the proceedings at 9:31 a.m.

Skagit County Sheriff Will Reichardt introduced a new Skagit County Jail staff member, Corrections Deputy Andrew Irvin. Corrections Deputy Irvin provided a brief history of his background.

The Commissioners welcomed Corrections Deputy Irvin.

Chair Dillon recessed the proceedings at 9:36 a.m.

c) 10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Presentation and Update: Skagit County Historical Society and The Skagit County Historical Museum

Chair Dillon reconvened the proceedings at 10:01 a.m. Commissioner Dahlstedt's absence was excused from this portion of the proceedings.

Jo E. Wolfe Skagit County Historical Museum Fundraising and Publicity Coordinator presented the

Museum's 2012 Annual Report and discussed past and current exhibits, acquisitions, tours, publications, and renovations at the Museum. Ms. Wolfe presented the Commissioners with the Heritage Barns of Skagit County brochure which is a joint project of the Skagit County Historical Museum and the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation. Ms. Wolfe indicated that all of the barns could be viewed from public right-of-ways.

Chair Dillon recessed the proceedings at 10:21 a.m.

d) 10:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Public Works - Henry Hash, Director:

Chair Dillon reconvened the proceedings at 10:46 a.m.

1. Discussion: Engineering Project Grants

Director Henry Hash was present to introduce the agenda item and answer questions.

Commissioner Dahlstedt arrived at 10:51 a.m. for this portion of the proceedings.

Paul Randall-Grutter County Engineer presented a listing of engineering grants which were in the design stage or under construction. The projects include the Anderson/LaVenture Road Extension, Burlington Northern Overpass, Pioneer Highway/Fir Island Road Intersection, Bow Hill Road, Ferry Dolphin Replacement, and Run-Off-Road and Intersection Safety Projects.

Mr. Randall-Grutter indicated that the following grant applications had been submitted and were awaiting award: West Bow Hill Chip Seal, Baker Lake Road Chip Seal, Hard Creek Bridge, Pioneer Highway/Fir Island Road Intersection, and the Davis Slough Bridge. He noted that Public Works continued to search for upcoming grant opportunities and went on to discuss the grant application process.

The Commissioners thanked Mr. Randall-Grutter for the presentation.

2. Discussion: Natural Resources Division Overview of 2013 Fish Habitat Grant Applications to Washington State Recreation and Conservation - Salmon Recovery Funding Board

Dan Berentson Natural Resources Division Manager, Gary Stoyka Water Resources Section Manager, and Jeff McGowan Salmon Habitat Specialist discussed the four (4) fish habitat restoration grants that Public Works were proposing to submit for funding to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office through the Salmon Recovery Funding Office. The projects include the North Forest Property Acquisition and Dike Setback Project; Similk Bay Estuary Restoration; Reach 5 Hanson Creek; and Dike and Drainage No. 3 Enhancement project.

Mr. McGowan indicated that the Department of Ecology had offered instream flow mitigation funding to improve fish passage on Starbird Creek.

Alison Studley and Bob Warner of the Skagit Watershed Council, lead entity for the Department of Ecology Watershed Updates by Water Resource Inventory Areas (WRIA) WRIA's 3, Lower Skagit and 4, Upper Skagit, discussed the proposals for salmon recovery projects that had been submitted for the 2013 grant cycle.

There was a brief discussion about the alluvial fan at Hansen Creek, the importance of partnerships, and the Fish, Farm, Flood Initiative.

Chair Dillon recessed the proceedings at 11:30 a.m.

e) 11:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Board of County Commissioners:

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

1. Public Comment Period

Ed Stauffer of Bow discussed the upcoming Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, May 7, 2013, and the public participation enhancement document on the agenda. Mr. Stauffer encouraged the Board of County Commissioners to read the document. He referred to the memorandum regarding public meetings for the Shoreline Master Plan. Mr. Stauffer said he attended the Skagit County Conservation District's Five-Year Plan update meeting and how impressed he was that they invited his comments and engaged in dialogue.

Seeing no further public comment forthcoming Chair Dillon closed the public comment period at 11:39 a.m.

2. Miscellaneous Announcements

Thursday, May 9, 2013, Skagit Day of Giving at St. Joseph Center.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Dillon adjourned the proceedings at 11:41 a.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Sharon D. Dillon, Chair

Ron Wesen, Commissioner

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board