

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2013**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, June 25, 2013, with Chair Sharon D. Dillon, Commissioner Ron Wesen, and Commissioner Kenneth A. Dahlstedt present.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Dillon called the proceedings to order at 8:30 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

III. AGENDA:

a) 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Public Works - Henry Hash, Director:

1. Presentation: Skagit County Marine Resources Committee - 2012 Annual Report and 2013 Goals

Coordinator for Skagit County Marine Resources Committee (SMRC) Tracy Alker introduced Marine Resources Committee members Erica Pickett and Jay Lind.

Ms. Pickett presented the SMRC 2012 Annual Report and explained that the SMRC was established in 1999 and was one of seven (7) county Marine Resources Committees formed under the Northwest Marine Conservation Initiative which was authorized by Congress. She indicated that SMRC was administered through the County and members were appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. She noted the need for conservation and restoration in Puget Sound, provided a brief history and gave a general overview of the SMRC program. Ms. Pickett highlighted the programs accomplishments in 2012, and discussed their goals for 2013.

Ms. Pickett explained that the SMRC projects were funded under various grants. She indicated that up until 2012, the Northwest Straits Initiative (NWSI) received funding through an annual federal appropriations bill. She reported that the NWSI grants were no longer available and that the SMRC received funding through the Environmental Protection Agency through Puget Sound Partnership to continue operations. She thanked staff for providing continued grant administrative supportive including grant amendments, grant reports, contract management, project coordination, and budget tracking.

The Commissioners thanked the SMRC for their hard work on various projects and for their commitment to volunteering in the community.

2. Miscellaneous

There were no miscellaneous items for Public Works to discuss.

Chair Dillon recessed the proceedings at 8:58 a.m.

b) 11:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Budget and Finance - Trisha Logue, Director:

Chair Dillon reconvened the proceedings, excused Commissioner Wesen who was attending a meeting, and introduced Budget and Finance Director Trisha Logue.

1. Public Hearing/Possible Action: To Consider Testimony Regarding the 2nd Quarter Budget Amendment

Ms. Logue briefed the Board on the 2nd quarter amendments.

Chair Dillon opened the Public Hearing at 11:22 a.m. Seeing no public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Dahlstedt made a motion to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Chair Dillon. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve the Resolution amending the 2013 Skagit County Budget (**Resolution No. R20130166**) Chair Dillon seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously. Commissioner Ron Wesen's absence was excused

2. Miscellaneous

There were no miscellaneous items to discuss.

Chair Dillon recessed the proceedings at 11:23 a.m.

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

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

1. Public Comment Period

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

2. Miscellaneous Announcements

Senior Planner Betsy Stevenson briefed the Board on Amendment No. 4 to Contract C20100625 with State of Washington Department of Ecology (DOE) to complete a multijurisdictional update of the Skagit County Shoreline Master Program. The amendment reallocates funds in the amount of \$67,000 from Phase 5 to other phases of the grant to enable the completion of as much work as possible before the grant ending date of June 30, 2013. All other terms and conditions of the original Grant will remain in effect. Ms. Stevenson thanked DOE for allowing the update and thanked Skagit County employees for rapid processing of the Amendment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve Amendment No. 4 to Contract C20100625 with State of Washington Department of

Ecology (DOE) to complete a multijurisdictional update of the Skagit County Shoreline Master Program and reallocate funds in the amount of \$67,000 from Phase 5 to other phases of the grant. **(Amendment No. A20130077)** Chair Dillon seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously. Commissioner Ron Wesen's absence was excused

Chair Dillon announced the following upcoming public hearings:

Tuesday, July 9, 2013, 8:30 a.m. To Consider Testimony Regarding Vacating a Portion of County Right-of-Way Known as Savage Road, No. 07140

Tuesday, July 9, 2013, 9:30 a.m. To Consider Testimony Regarding an Ordinance Amending Chapter 12.18; Solid Waste Disposal System, of the Skagit County Code (The proposed amendment would update the code and be consistent with the Solid Waste Policy that was agreed to in the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan and Skagit County Contract No. C20080306, and Interlocal Agreements between Skagit County and each of the municipalities in Skagit County.)

Tuesday, July 16, 2013, 10:30 a.m. To Consider Testimony Regarding Resolutions to Amend the Guemes Island Ferry Fare Structure and Amending the Guemes Island Ferry Revenue Target Methodology

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

- d) 11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Update from Washington State Department of Transportation Planning and Engineering Services Manager Northwest Region/Mount Baker Area Todd Carlson: I-5 Skagit River Bridge Repair

Chair Dillon reconvened the proceedings at 11:45 a.m. and introduced Northwest Region/Mount Baker Area Manager Todd Carlson.

Mr. Carlson informed the Commissioners that the new, temporary bridge had opened. Speed was reduced from 60 mph to 40 mph and oversize and overweight loads must exit the freeway and use an alternate route. Mr. Carlson also said that DOT had temporarily installed a traffic signal at Pioneer Highway and Fir Road which was being removed since traffic in the area was back at normal levels.

Mr. Carlson shared that the construction of the permanent bridge had recently been awarded to Max J. Kune Construction of Spokane, WA in the

amount of \$6.87 million. The contractor was anticipated to have the finished section ready for installation after the Labor Day weekend with installation to occur before October 1, 2013. He said that installation of the new span could require a full closure of I-5 for up to two weeks.

Mr. Carlson said that he would be happy to provide another update in August.

After discussing the installation of the permanent bridge and the Francis Road/Highway 9 intersection, Commissioner Dahlstedt announced that Congressman Larsen and DelBene had secured funds for the Skagit River General Investigation (G.I.) study for the remainder of the fiscal year from the Army Corps of Engineers. The Commissioners thanked Congressman Larsen and DelBene and the Army Corps of Engineers for their commitment to protect Skagit County.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Dillon adjourned the proceedings for the day.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Sharon D. Dillon, Chair

Ron Wesen, Commissioner

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board