

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2013**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, November 5, 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 8:33 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

III. AGENDA:

a) 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Public Works - Dan Berentson, Interim Director:

Dan Berentson, Interim Public Works Director, was present to introduce the agenda item and answer questions.

Tory Nelson, Engineering Technician III, indicated that Skagit County Drainage and Irrigation Improvement District No. 15 had applied for a nonexclusive franchise authorizing them to construct, install, construct, operate, and maintain facilities for the purposes of an irrigation water line, and other underground and above grade infrastructure. He indicated that the term of the agreement would be for a period of fifteen (15) years, beginning on the date of mutual acceptance.

There was a brief discussion about the size of the irrigation water line and it was determined that the water line would 15" in diameter.

1. Public Hearing/Possible Action: Regarding the Application for Franchise Agreement with Skagit County Drainage and Improvement District No. 15

Chair Dillon opened the public hearing at 8:35 a.m. Seeing no public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Dahlstedt moved to close the public hearing at 8:36 a.m. Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve the Resolution to authorize the execution of a nonexclusive Franchise Agreement with Skagit County Drainage and Irrigation Improvement District No. 15. **(Resolution No. R20130323)** Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve the nonexclusive Franchise Agreement with Skagit County Drainage and Irrigation Improvement District No. 15 **(Contract No. C20130457)** Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

2. Miscellaneous

There were no miscellaneous items for Public Works to discuss.

Chair Dillon recessed the proceedings at 8:41 a.m.

b) 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Washington State University (WSU) Skagit County Cooperative Extension - Don McMoran, Department Head:

Chair Dillon reconvened the proceedings at 9:30 a.m. and excused Commissioner Dahlstedt's absence

from this portion of the proceedings.

Don McMoran, Department Head, spoke about the Achievement Award that the Skagit County Cooperative Extension Agriculture and Natural Resources Program recently received from the National Association of County Agricultural Agents. He indicated that the Skagit County Agriculture and Natural Resources Program was recognized as the number one program in Washington State.

1. Master Gardener Program Update

Jane Billingham, Skagit County Master Gardener, spoke about how the David Brookings Rain Garden was being used as a teaching and public outreach tool. She said that the rain garden was functioning effectively and discussed the quarterly maintenance performed by the Master Gardeners.

2. Skagit County Beach Watcher Program Update

Catherine Buchalski, M.S. Integrated Coastal Ecosystem Science, Policy and Management, provided a PowerPoint presentation and shared her vision and goals for the future of the Beach Watcher Program.

3. Skagit County 4-H Program Update

William Freitas, 4-H Leadership Development Faculty, said that he and his family would be relocating to Florida to be closer to family. He spoke about his tenure with the 4-H Program.

The Commissioners thanked Mr. Freitas for his six (6) years of service to Skagit County and wished him well in his future endeavors.

4. Miscellaneous

There were no miscellaneous items for Skagit County Cooperative Extension to discuss.

Chair Dillon recessed the proceedings at 10:02 a.m.

c) 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Board of County Commissioners:

1. Presentation: Certificate of Appreciation to Carol Ehlers for 25 Years of Service on the Skagit County Planning Commission

Chair Dillon called the proceedings to order at 11:00 a.m. and excused Commissioner Dahlstedt's absence from this portion of the proceedings.

Roger Mitchell and Kathy Mitchell of Bow; Ed Stauffer of Alger; Annie Lohman of Bow, Planning Commission Chair; Jason Easton of Anacortes, Planning Commission member; Ryan Walters, Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney; thanked Carol Ehlers for her hard work, time, dedication, vast knowledge and experience of Skagit County history and land use matters over her many years on the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Wesen read and presented the Certificate of Appreciation to Ms. Ehlers in honor of her time, dedication and commitment of service on the Skagit County Planning Commission from September 26, 1988, through September 1, 2013.

Ms. Ehlers said she was pleased to have a number of staff present in the gallery, and spoke about her teaching experience and the importance of having an historical perspective present on the Planning Commission.

Chair Dillon recessed the proceedings at 11:17 a.m.

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

Chair Dillon reconvened the proceedings at 11:31 a.m.

1. Public Comment Period

David Wilder, President of People 1st of Skagit County, explained that the organization was seeking new locations for the 2014 events. He indicated that they generally held their events at Skagit Valley College in the cafeteria but the space would not be available in 2014 due to renovations. Mr. Wilder provided a listing of proposed dates for the 2014 events, and indicated that more information could be obtained by contacting him by telephone at Chinook Enterprises (360) 428-0140.

2. Miscellaneous Announcements

Planning Commission meeting on Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Tuesday, November 5, 2013, at 6:00 p.m.

Informational Public Forum by Emergency Services Consulting International (ESCI) regarding the future provision of emergency medical services in Skagit County, Wednesday, November 6, 2013, at 6:00 p.m.

City of Mount Vernon Veterans Recognition Ceremony, Saturday, November 9, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. at Mount Baker Middle School.

City of Burlington's Annual Veterans Day Parade, Saturday, November 9, 2013, 11:00 a.m. in Burlington.

Future Public Hearings:

Tuesday, November 12, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. to consider testimony regarding the disposal of Skagit County real property located at 309, and 315 South Third Street in Mount Vernon **(rescheduled from November 5, 2013, pursuant to Resolutions Nos. R20130313 and R2030314).**

Tuesday, November 26, 2013, at 1:30 p.m. to consider testimony regarding the final report for the public service grant component of the Community Development Block Grant.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Dillon adjourned the proceedings at 11:40 p.m.

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SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Sharon D. Dillon, Chair

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Ron Wesen, Commissioner

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Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board