

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2014**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 11, 2014, with Chair Ron Wesen, Commissioner Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, and Commissioner Sharon D. Dillon present.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Wesen called the proceedings to order at 9:01 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

III. AGENDA:

a) 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Public Works - Dan Berentson, Interim Director:

Chair Wesen introduced Interim Director Dan Berentson.

1. Update: Drainage Utility

Interim Public Works Director (and Natural Resources Division Manager) Dan Berentson introduced staff in the audience as well as Surface Water Section Manager Jan Flagan.

Jan Flagan briefed the Commissioners on the Drainage Utility and the projects completed in 2013. She also shared that Public Works partnered with Washington State Department of Ecology, Dike and Drainage District 22, Drainage and Irrigation District 14, Dike, Drainage and Irrigation District 5, Dike, Drainage and Irrigation Improvement District 12, and Drainage and Irrigation Improvement District 14 to complete additional projects in 2013.

Ms. Flagan ended by sharing various drainage concerns that had been reported, public outreach and education that had been performed, and the status and work regarding the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES).

The Commissioners thanked Public Works for the information and said they appreciated their responses to drainage concerns received from the public.

Ms. Flagan briefed the Board on some of the projects which were going to be performed in partnership with the Engineering Division in 2014. Mr. Berentson reported that Public Works had been working to develop interlocal agreements with Drainage Districts and Tribes and that they had also identified nine additional fish and drainage passages for salmon restoration.

Commissioner Dahlstedt thanked staff for their work and stewardship of drainage utility funds. He also said he appreciated the strengthened partnerships that had been formed with drainage and utility districts and the State Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Ecology.

Chair Wesen appreciated the attention Public Works gave to drainage concerns and he and Ms. Flagan discussed the status of the drainage plan for South Fidalgo Island.

Commissioner Dahlstedt confirmed with Mr. Berentson that drainage projects were ranked according to severity, need, and public benefit.

2. Miscellaneous

Public Works did not have any miscellaneous items to discuss.

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

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

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 11:31 a.m. and excused Commissioner Dahlstedt from the public comment portion of the proceedings.

1. Public Comment Period

Carol Ehlers of Fidalgo Island was present to discuss drainage and Skagit County departmental synergism. She also discussed the importance of incorporating geology into drainage considerations and shoreline planning as well as geomorphology (how wind, water and frost change the surface of the earth). Ms. Ehlers discussed landslides and was pleased to see the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan included them.

2. Miscellaneous Announcements

Commissioner Dillon announced the following future public hearings that had been scheduled: Tuesday, March 25, 2014, 9:15 a.m. To Consider Testimony Regarding Amending the 2014 Skagit County Budget
Tuesday, March 25, 2014, 10:30 a.m. To Consider Testimony Regarding an Application for Franchise Agreement with Olympic Pipe Line Company

Commissioner Dillon also announced that she had decided not to run for re-election as County

Commissioner of District #3. Commissioner Dillon and Chair Wesen shared that they had appreciated working with one another.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Wesen adjourned the proceedings at 11:46 a.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Ron Wesen, Chair

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

Sharon D. Dillon, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board