

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2015**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 17, 2015, with Chair Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner Lisa Janicki, and Commissioner Ron Wesen present.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

III. AGENDA:

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

Public Works Director Dan Berentson introduced Surface Water Section Manager Jan Flagan do discuss annual drainage utility report.

1. 2014 Drainage Utility Report

Ms. Flagan said that the Drainage Utility was established in 1994 and had been providing stormwater control services to County residents since 1997. She said that Public Works partnered with multiple agencies to provide these services. The 2014 Report can be found here:

<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/03172015>

2. Barnaby Slough Feasibility Study Update

Mr. Steve Hinton of Skagit River System Cooperative (SRSC) provided information to the Commissioners on their Barnaby Slough Feasibility Study which was to evaluate reconnecting the Skagit River to Barnaby Slough for salmon habitat restoration purposes. The PowerPoint he provided can be found here:

<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/03172015> Commissioner Janicki thanked Mr. Hinton for the update and she informed him that she had been contacted by local residents who had concerns about the project, including Skagit River System Cooperative's lack of adequate land ownership on their steering committee, and the lack of adequate public outreach and available information about the study. Commissioner Janicki stated that she wanted to help fish, but not at the expense of private landowners who had been farming the area for multiple generations. Mr. Hinton discussed the steps taken to date regarding public outreach and also informed the Commissioners that landowners would be invited to sit on the Stakeholder Committee, which had

not yet been formed. He said that SRSC would like to find an effective way to engage landowners. Commissioner Wesen agreed with Commissioner Janicki and requested that local property owners be involved in the project. He said that people cannot control Mother Nature and that the path of a river changes constantly. Chair Dahlstedt said that people should not build in river migration areas and that they do not always pay attention to mailers. He invited Mr. Hinton to host one of their public meetings in the Commissioners hearing room, and said that it could be filmed and available online to be viewed by others.

3. Miscellaneous

Salmon Habitat Specialist Jeff McGowan was present to discuss another project in the vicinity of SRSC's Barnaby Slough study: the Martin Slough Fish Passage Feasibility Study and Design. Mr. McGowan said that the purpose of the study was to determine how to best maintain a culvert which often became clogged and then became a barrier that fish could not pass through. A grant had been applied for and received to study options for correcting the problem. Possible solutions have been placed on hold due to the river encroaching on the slough and on Martin Road. Mr. McGowan said that additional options must be studied regarding Martin Road and whether or not to try to prevent the river from washing out a portion of the road.

The Commissioners thanked Public Works for the additional information. The PowerPoint regarding the Martin Slough Fish Passage Study can be found here:

<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/03172015>

Chair Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 9:45 a.m.

b) 10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Board of County Commissioners:

1. Discussion/Possible Action: Resolution Pertaining to Closed Record Appeal PL15-0071, Submitted by Equilon Enterprises LLC dba Shell Oil Products USA of Hearing Examiner's Decision Regarding Shoreline Development Permit and a Shoreline Variance Permit and the Related SEPA Appeal Nos. PL13-0468 and PL14-0396

Civil Prosecuting Attorney Will Honea provided a resolution that needed to be executed by the Commissioners. No parties were present from Skagit County or from Shell Oil because the resolution was part of the normal legal process.

A motion was made by Commissioner Janicki to approve the resolution pertaining to Closed Record Appeal PL15-0071 of the Hearing Examiner's decision on PL13-0468 and PL14-0396 (**Resolution No. R20150112**) Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

Chair Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 10:09 a.m.

c) 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Public Health and Community Services - Jennifer Johnson, Director:

Chair Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 10:32 a.m. and introduced Operations Manager Bob Hicks.

1. Public Hearing to Consider Testimony on a Final Report on an Affordable Housing Planning-Only Process Funded by a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Mr. Hicks thanked the Commissioners for hosting the public hearing and he introduced Housing Affordability Strategy Technical Assistance Provider Mr. Paul Schissler. Mr. Schissler provided information to the Commissioners regarding the Community Development Block Grant Planning Only project which was providing funding to address housing issues in three counties and sixteen towns and cities in those three counties (Island, Whatcom, and Skagit). The information provided by Mr. Schissler can be found here:

<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/03172015> Chair Dahlstedt opened the public hearing at 10:57 a.m. Seeing no public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Wesen made a motion to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Commissioner Janicki. The motion passed unanimously. The Commissioners briefly discussed city/county zoning practices and the need to provide adequate lands for affordable housing. Chair Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 11:04 a.m.

2. Miscellaneous

There were no miscellaneous items to discuss.

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

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

1. County and Individual Success Stories

There was no one present to provide success stories.

2. Public Comment Period

There was no one present to provide public comment.

3. Miscellaneous Announcements

Commissioner Wesen mentioned that the Planning Commission would be discussing transportation issues for the Comprehensive Plan Update tonight.

- e) *5:30 p.m. Skagit County Planning Commission Comprehensive Plan's Transportation Element Open House and Public Workshop

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Dahlstedt adjourned the proceedings at 11:35 a.m.

SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Chair

Lisa Janicki, Commissioner

Ron Wesen, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board