

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2015**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 21, 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:

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

1. Presentation: Approach and Progress on Code Changes Required by the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Phase II

Bill Dowe, Stormwater Permit Program Coordinator, provided a PowerPoint presentation and noted that the Board of County Commissioners had directed the Planning and Development Services and Public Works Departments to update the County's development code to fully comply with the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. It was noted that the NPDES permit was intended to manage both water quality and quantity and ensure that pollutants do not enter the municipal stormwater system (i.e., principally the roadside ditches).

Mr. Dowe explained that the NPDES permit defined Low-Impact Development (LID) as a "stormwater and land use management strategy that strived to mimic pre-disturbance hydrologic processes of infiltration, storage, evaporation and the process of water movement through plants by emphasizing conservation, use of on-site natural features, site planning, and distributed stormwater management practices that were integrated into project design.

Mr. Dowe went on to explain that in addition to stormwater permits, the Department of Ecology had issued a new 2012 Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington. He explained that the 2012 Stormwater Management Manual was a design manual for stormwater management for development projects and directed the use of LID techniques as the preferred approach. Adopting the 2012 Stormwater Manual would fulfill the NPDES permit requirement.

Ryan Walters, Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, briefly touched on the modifications to Skagit County Code and presented a preliminary adoption schedule.

More information can be found at www.skagitcounty.net/planning and click on "Stormwater Permit 2015 Code Update."

PowerPoint Presentation:

<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/04202015/>

Commissioner Dahlstedt expressed concerns that LID-based projects could be more expensive and that consistent training for staff reviewing the plans would be needed.

Commissioner Janicki addressed concerns about the maintenance responsibilities of stormwater detention facilities after developers have left the area.

Jan Flagan, Surface Water Section Manager, explained that the County owned several stormwater detention facilities and was responsible for maintenance of detention ponds; and that private developments were responsible to maintain their own ponds but that the County would work with the property owner to maintain their detention ponds.

Commissioner Wesen discussed the circumstances that would trigger an NPDES requirement review and whether agricultural buildings would trigger a review.

Shane Whitney, Development Review, explained the redevelopment criteria and what would trigger the review of sites.

2. Miscellaneous

There were no miscellaneous items for Public Works to discuss.

Chair Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 9:10 a.m.

b) 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Presentation: Skagit Libraries Update on Children's Programming

Chair Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 10:00 a.m.

Maggie Buckholz, Director of Burlington Public Library, shared that she would be retiring on July 1, 2015, and that this would be her last presentation to the Board of County Commissioners. Ms. Buckholz said that the library programs for school-age children were professional, outcome based, and were designed to build a lifelong love of reading and learning and shared some statistics that showed the impact of the library programs.

Beth Bermami, Youth Services Librarian Mount Vernon City Library, shared information about the youth programs offered at the Mount Vernon Library.

Jennifer Rounds, Burlington Public Library, shared information about the science, technology, engineering and math (STEAM) program.

Kaleb Slaatthaug, student, shared information about his love of reading.

Doug Woods, Youth Services Librarian Anacortes Public Library, spoke about the importance of children reading during the summer months.

The Commissioners thanked everyone for the presentation.

Chair Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 10:33 a.m.

c) 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Presentation: Northwest Career & Technical Academy Program Update by Linda Wise Miller, Executive Director

Chair Dahlstedt called the proceedings to order at 11:01 a.m.

Linda Wise Miller, Executive Director Northwest Career & Technical Academy (Academy), explained that the Academy was a Washington State Skills Center for students ages 16 to 21 who had not yet graduated from high school. She said that over 375 students were currently enrolled in the Academy programs. Ms. Wise Miller said that the Academy was a consortium of the six Skagit County school districts which include Anacortes, Burlington-Edison, Concrete, Mount Vernon, La Conner, and Sedro-Woolley.

Ms. Wise Miller noted that the Academy offered preparatory training in high-demand, high-wage, or regionally specific career areas taught by industry experts. She said that most students attend year-long programs either a morning or afternoon session equivalent to three consecutive high school periods daily. The students earn high school credits, college credits, internships, and industry certifications. The programs are offered free to the students.

Ms. Wise Miller provided a PowerPoint presentation and provided an overview of the Skagit and Whatcom County campuses and programs.

PowerPoint Presentation:

<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/04202015/>

More information can be found at www.nwtech.k12.wa.us.

The Commissioners thanked Ms. Wise Miller for the presentation.

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

1. County and Individual Success Stories

Brian Adams, Parks, Recreation and Fair Director; commended City of Mount Vernon Parks & Recreation Director Larry Ottos, for his 30 years of service in the community. Mr. Adams requested permission from the Board of County Commissioners to write a letter of acknowledgement to Mr. Ottos recognizing him for his many years of service.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen authorize Brian Adams to write a letter recognizing Larry Ottos's

partnership and service throughout Skagit County. Commissioner Janicki seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

2. Public Comment Period

There was no one present to provide public comment.

3. Miscellaneous Announcements

East County public meeting Wednesday, April 22, 2015, at 5:30 p.m., at the Concrete Community Center.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Dahlstedt adjourned the proceedings at 11:43 a.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Chair

Lisa Janicki, Commissioner

Ron Wesen, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board