

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2015**

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.

III. AGENDA:

a) 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Planning and Development Services - Dale Pernula, Director:

Dale Pernula was present to introduce the agenda items and answer questions.

1. Certificate of Appreciation for Former Planning Commission Member Robert Temples

Mr. Pernula noted that Mr. Temples passed away earlier this summer. Mr. Pernula said that Mr. Temples was quite an asset to the Planning Commission and that everyone on the Planning Commission appreciated his point of view and thoughtfulness. Mr. Temples had 35 years of experience as a commercial architectural designer, and had experience as a Planning Commission Chair in Lynwood, Washington.

Commissioner Wesen read the Certificate of Appreciation presented to the Temples family to honor Robert Temples' time, dedication and commitment of service on the Skagit County Planning Commission April 1, 2013, through June 30, 2015.

The Commissioners spoke about Mr. Temples experience and shared their support for the Temples family.

2. Certificate of Appreciation for Former Planning Commission Member Matt Mahaffie

Mr. Pernula said that Matt Mahaffie had resigned from his position on the Planning Commission because he had taken a position with Whatcom County and it would be difficult to attend Planning Commission meetings. Mr. Pernula spoke about the experience and education that Mr. Mahaffie brought to the Planning Commission over the past six years and said that his prospective in dealing with wetlands and critical areas would be missed.

Betsy Steven, Senior Planner, spoke about her appreciation of the experience and the prospective that both Mr. Temples and Mr. Mahaffie brought to the Planning Commission and how helpful Mr. Mahaffie had been with the Shoreline

Master Program Update.

Mr. Mahaffie said that it had been an honor to serve on the Planning Commission and thanked the Planning and Development Services staff for their experience, professionalism and customer service.

Commissioner Janicki read the Certificate of Appreciation for Matt Mahaffie in honor of his time, dedication and commitment of service on the Skagit County Planning Commission rendered on behalf of the people, the community, and in the public interest, faithfully and unselfishly from March 1, 2009, through March 31, 2015.

The Commissioners thanked Mr. Mahaffie for his years of service on the Planning Commission.

3. Introduction of Associate Planner Annie Matsumoto-Grah

Brandon Black, Senior Planner, introduced Annie Matsumoto-Grah, Associate Planner. Ms. Matsumoto-Grah filled the position vacated when Marge Swint retired. Ms. Matsumoto-Grah graduated in 2006 from Western Washington University. She worked for three years each with Whatcom and San Juan Counties.

Ms. Matsumoto-Grah spoke about how grateful she was to be part of the Skagit County Planning and Development Services staff.

The Commissioners welcomed Ms. Matsumoto-Grah to Skagit County.

Chair Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 8:51 a.m.

b) 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Quarterly Presentation by Washington State University (WSU) Skagit County Extension

Chair Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 9:30 a.m.

Don McMoran, Extension Director, reported that WSU's President Elson Floyd had passed away on June 20, 2015. Mr. McMoran noted that he would be attending his memorial service on Tuesday, August 25, 2015. Mr. McMoran announced that the new WSU medical center would be named in honor of President Floyd.

Mr. McMoran noted that WSU Skagit County Extension would be submitting their 2016-2017 budget and pointed out that they would be requesting additional funding for forestry programming; continued funding for small farms/Latino education and that there had been an increase in salaries in 2015. Mr. McMoran went on to provide an update about potato research; Skagit County Ag Summit; and congratulated Skagit County Young Farmer Nate Youngquist on his successful application to the Outstanding Young Farmers of America.

Jean Gauthier, Entomology Coordinator, noted that the Horticultural Pest Board was established to monitor and control the spread of invasive insects which were a threat to agricultural products and environmental resources of the County. Ms. Gauthier reported on the monitoring of insect emergency; Spotted Wing Drosophila; Apple Maggot monitoring; symptoms of potato virus; and scouting for suspected new pests.

Alex duPont, Master Gardner Program Coordinator, provided a brief history of the Program and noted that the focus for 2015

was on a variety of public outreach and education. Information about the Master Gardner Diagnostic Clinics can be found by calling (360) 428-4270 extension 228 or on their website located at [www.skagitmgplantclinic@gmail.com](mailto:www.skagitmgplantclinic@gmail.com). Ms. duPont spoke about the restoration of the World War I memorial along Memorial Highway. For those interested in joining the Master Gardner Program, applications are due by October 31, 2015, [www.skagit.wsu.edu/mg](http://www.skagit.wsu.edu/mg). Master Gardner of 2014 Debra Smeltzer was introduced and she spoke about her experience with the Program.

Diane Smith, Family Living Program Regional Food and Nutrition Specialist, said that part of the Program's goals were to translate research based information into practical purposes for healthy living. Ms. Smith introduced Laura DeFreese, Certified Diabetes Prevention Program. Ms. DeFreese reported that modest weight loss through dietary changes and increased physical activity helped to reduce the risk of diabetes. She reported on the Diabetes Prevention Program and noted that it was a 16-week program with 6 monthly follow-up sessions. Ms. Smith noted that a new class series would begin on August 17, 2015, in partnership with Skagit Valley College and indicated that scholarships were available. Those interested in enrolling in the program can call (360) 428-4270.

c) 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Update by United Way of Skagit County

Chair Dahlstedt announced that this session was postponed until Monday, August 24, 2015, at 10:30 a.m.

Chair Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 10:37 a.m.

d) 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Public Health and Community Services - Bob Hicks, Operations Manager

Chair Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 11:01 a.m.

Bob Hicks, Operations Manager, introduced Lynn Christofersen, Community Action of Skagit County Community Services Division Director. Ms. Christofersen reported on the activities performed under the 2014-2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) contract in the amount of \$57,236.

Ms. Christofersen said that having the East County Resource Center has given Community Action of Skagit County the opportunity to extend resources to residents of that area. She noted that the CDBG proposal specifically targeted two Housing and Urban Development priority areas of service to provide information, referral assistance and housing. Ms. Christofersen noted that Community Action partnered with Skagit County at the East County Resource Center and had 20,921 community contacts in 2014 which was an increase of 5,921. She reported that with the CDBG funding they were able to assist 5,124 people with information and referral services with 248 referrals for housing assistance.

Ms. Christofersen thanked community partners for the various services they provided to East Skagit County.

PowerPoint Presentation:

<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/08102015/>

1. Public Hearing to Consider Testimony Regarding the Public Service Grant Component of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Final Report for the East County Resource Program Funding for the Period July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

Chair Dahlstedt opened the public hearing at 11:20 a.m. Seeing no public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner

Wesen made a motion to close the public hearing at 11:21 a.m. Commissioner Janicki seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Chair Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 11:21 a.m.

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

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

1. County and Individual Success Stories

There was no one present to provide County and Individual Success Stories.

2. Public Comment Period

Walter A. Johnson Senior of Mount Vernon, commented on a letter regarding the bridge connecting Riverside Drive with Burlington Boulevard, that he wrote to the Skagit Valley Herald which was published on Saturday, August 8, 2015.

3. Miscellaneous Announcements

The Commissioners discussed flood risk management and the history of log jams on the Skagit River.

g) 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Informational Meeting Regarding Skagit County Emergency Medical Services:

The Commissioners attended an informational meeting regarding Skagit County Medical Services and Aero Skagit at 7:00 p.m. The meeting took place at the Grassmere Fire Department, located at 44654 State Route 20 in Concrete. They were presented with a draft letter, dated August 10, 2015, signed by Tony Smith; several questions regarding Emergency Medical Services, the future of Aero Skagit; and a request that the Commissioners include the rural element when making decisions about ambulance service.

Sign-In Sheet; August 10, 2015 letter; and Questions:

<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/08102015/>

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45 p.m.

An audio recording of the meeting can be obtained by contacting the Skagit County Commissioners' office.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Dahlstedt adjourned the proceedings at 11:45 a.m.

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Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Chair

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Lisa Janicki, Commissioner

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Ron Wesen, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board