

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2015**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 22, 2015, with Commissioner Lisa Janicki, and Commissioner Ron Wesen present. Chair Kenneth A. Dahlstedt excused.

I. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Commissioner Wesen called the proceedings to order at 9:30 a.m.

II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

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

III. **AGENDA:**

a) **9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Parks, Recreation & Fair - Brian Adams, Director:**

Commissioner Wesen introduced Brian Adams.

1. Presentation: Veterans Park at Northern State Recreation Area in Sedro-Woolley

Brian Adams discussed the steps taken by Skagit County Parks and Recreation, local Veterans, and the Sedro-Woolley Rotary Club, towards planning for a Veterans Park at the Northern State Recreation Area (NSRA) in Sedro-Woolley. Mr. Adams said that, if approved, he expected the new area at the existing park would be completed in multiple phases with assistance and input from veterans, the community, and local civic service clubs.

Patrik Dylan of eccosDesign showed a conceptual site plan for the new area which included additional parking, picnic areas, bathrooms, covered picnic shelter, area of remembrance, and a military history area.

Site plan and information: <ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/09212015>

Commissioner Wesen, Commissioner Janicki, John Schmidt of Sedro-Woolley, Richard Sundance of Mount Vernon, Doyle Guffie of Sedro-Woolley, and Sue Gregg of VFW Post #5056 all expressed their support for the Veterans Park at NSRA.

Mr. Adams said that he would schedule a meeting with Skagit County Planning and Development Services to hold a pre-application meeting. If individuals had additional questions or comments, they could reach Brian Adams at 360-416-1356.

Commissioner Wesen recessed the proceedings at 10:04 a.m.

b) 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Update from Kevin Murphy, Executive Director - Skagit Council of Governments

Commissioner Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 10:30 a.m. and introduced Kevin Murphy.

Mr. Murphy showed a PowerPoint presentation to the Commissioners which included information about Skagit Council of Governments (SCOG) background, work, goals, structure and funding. A link to the PowerPoint:
<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/09212015>

Commissioner Wesen recessed the proceedings at 10:55 a.m.

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

Commissioner Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 11:29 a.m.

1. County and Individual Success Stories

County and individual success stories were not shared.

2. Public Comment Period

Commissioner Wesen opened the public comment period and instructed the Clerk to set the timer for each speaker for three minutes.

Corinne Salcedo of Anacortes, Velit Seyfettin of Anacortes, Juby Fouts of Guemes Island, and Howard Pellett of Guemes Island, members of Living Democracy of Skagit County presented information, letters, and a petition containing over 2,000 signatures to the Commissioners requesting the adoption of a Community Bill of Rights ordinance to promote, achieve, and maintain the protection of the Skagit River, clean air, clean water, clean beaches and farmland; neighborhood residents' right to determine major development in their neighborhoods; guaranteed full rights for all workers in the workplace, including the right to collective bargaining over terms and conditions of their labor with their employer; transition to carbon-free power sources, such as solar and wind, in order to reduce the carbon footprint of our community; and guaranteed full rights for the Skagit County community, including the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights; community rights must take precedence over the rights of corporations. More information can be found at celdf.org

Kathy Mitchell of Bow was present to encourage the Commissioners to work with the State of Washington towards improved forest management practices which would reduce forest fires.

3. Miscellaneous Announcement

Commissioner Janicki presented a letter for the Commissioners consideration which was submitted by Robert Weidner. The letter was from the Evergreen Forest County Group, which Skagit County was a part of, and was addressed to federal legislators encouraging improved forest management to reduce future fires and increase diversity and resiliency on federal forestlands.

A motion was made by Commissioner Janicki to approve that Skagit County's name remain on the joint letter as a member of the Evergreen Forest County Group and that the letter be sent to the congressional delegation regarding active forest management and restoration. Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously. Chair Kenneth A. Dahlstedt's absence was excused

- d) *3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Emergency Medical Services Meeting (Anacortes City Hall, Mayor's Office, 904 6th Street, Anacortes)
- e) *5:30 p.m. Skagit County Community Workshop ~ 2016 Comprehensive Plan Update (Fidalgo Island School, 13590 Gibralter Road, Anacortes)

IV. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Wesen adjourned the proceedings at 11:54 a.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Chair

Lisa Janicki, Commissioner

Ron Wesen, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board