

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2017**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 14, 2017, with Chair Ron Wesen, Commissioner Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, and Commissioner Lisa Janicki present.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Wesen called the proceedings to order at 8:31 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chair Wesen 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:

1. Presentation by Clean Samish Initiative Partners: Skagit County Department of Health; Skagit County Public Works Department; Washington State Department of Agriculture and Skagit Conservation District

Director Dan Berentson spoke about the Governor's Office, Skagit County, and various partners' efforts to reduce pollution and the progress being made through the Clean Samish Initiative and the Governor's office Results Washington strategy. Mr. Berentson introduced Water Resources Section Manager Mike See and Pollution Identification and Correction (PIC) Program Coordinator Karen DuBose.

Ms. DuBose presented a PowerPoint presentation and updated the Commissioners on the Clean Samish Initiative.

Link to PowerPoint Presentation:

<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/02132017/>

Washington State Department of Agriculture Dairy Nutrient Inspector Kyrre Flege provided a presentation about monitoring bacteria levels; mobile data collection devices that were being used in the field; and online maps.

Environmental Health Specialist Corrina Marote provided an update of the On-site Septic Program. She reported that they had mailed 302 inspections reminders to residents of Yokeko, Dewey Beach, and Quiet Cove in September 2016, and 232 inspection reminders to residents of the Thomas and Willard Creeks in January 2017. Ms. Morate reported on the rebate program, loan program for failing septic systems, investigation and enforcement protocols.

Skagit Conservation District (District) Manager Carolyn Kelley and District Small Farm Planning and Technical Program Coordinator John Schuh spoke about the how the On-Site Septic Program had evolved over the years and how the District had assisted land-owners with implementing the Best Management Practices to improve operations on their property.

Director of Public Affairs with Taylor Shellfish Farms Bill Dewey said that he was impressed with the County's efforts, coordination and collaboration with various partners to address Non-Point Source Pollution to restore the Samish Bay.

Dairy Farmer Oscar Lagerlund spoke from the audience and indicated that although much work had been done, there was still more work to do.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 9:24 a.m.

b) 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Washington State University (WSU) Skagit County Extension Program Update - Don McMoran, Director

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 9:31 a.m.

Washington State University (WSU) Skagit County Extension Director Don McMoran noted that the Blueberry Commissioner had renewed Blueberry Aphid Grant for 2017 and provided an update of the Agricultural and Natural Resources Program. He announced that the Skagit Ag Summit would take place on Friday, February 24, 2017, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at WSU NWREC, located at 16650 State Route 536 in Mount Vernon.

Shore Steward Program Coordinator Alex duPont provided an update of the Program.

WSU Farm and Food Systems Small Farm and Latino Farm Educator Kate Smith provided an update of the Program's courses, workshops and trainings.

Assistant Professor of Horticulture Dr. Lisa Wasko DeVetter provided an update of the Small Fruit Horticulture Program.

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The Commissioners thanked everyone for the presentation.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 10:31 a.m.

c) [10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Presentation - Skagit Conservation District's Annual Report](#)

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 10:35 a.m.

Skagit Conservation District Manager Carolyn Kelley introduced the presentation and presented the 2016 Annual Report of Accomplishments.

[Link to 2016 Annual Report of Accomplishments:](ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/02132017/)

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Skagit Conservation District Small Farm Planning and Technical Program Coordinator John Schuh reported on the Programs 2016 accomplishments.

Youth Education and Data Information Coordinator Cindy Pierce reported on the Conservation Reserve Enhancement and the Youth Environmental Education Programs' 2016 accomplishments.

Skagit Conservation District Professional Engineer Tom Slocum provided information about his work in 2016.

Firewise Program Coordinator and Resource Technician Jennifer Coe reported on the Forest Stewardship Program, Firewise Program and the Fire Adapted Communities that joined the Program in 2016.

Public Information and Education Coordinator Kristi Carpenter provided an update about the Clean Samish/Padilla Bay; Skagit Stream/Storm Team; Low Impact Development (LID); Backyard Conservation Stewardship; and Watershed Masters Volunteer Training; Marine Biotoxin Monitoring and several other educational and outreach programs that were provided in 2016.

Ms. Kelley announced that Jennifer Coe would be leaving the Skagit Conservation District to develop a new program for the Whatcom Conservation District.

The Commissioners wished Ms. Coe well in her new position and Ms. Kelley in her retirement.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 11:16 a.m.

d) [11:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Consideration of the Hearing Examiner's Recommendation for Approval for the Following Open Space Applications:](#)

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 11:19 a.m.

Current Use Specialist Kiffin Saben presented the applications.

1. Resolution Concerning an Application to Transfer Land from Current Use Farm and Agriculture to the Current Use Open Space Farm and Agriculture Conservation Classification by Robert and Ann Raish - File No. CUOSFA #13-2016

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve a Resolution Concerning an Application to Transfer Land from Current Use Farm and Agriculture to the Current Use Open Space Farm and Agriculture Conservation Classification by Robert and Ann Raish - File No. CUOSFA #13-2016 (**Resolution No. R20170028**) Commissioner Janicki seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

2. Resolution Concerning an Application to Transfer Land from Current Use Farm and Agriculture to the Current Use Open Space Farm Agriculture Conservation Classification by Patricia Hamilton - File No. CUOSFA #15-2016

A motion was made by Commissioner Janicki to approve a Resolution Concerning an Application to Transfer Land from Current Use Farm and Agriculture to the Current Use Open Space Farm Agriculture Conservation Classification by Patricia Hamilton - File No. CUOSFA #15-2016 (**Resolution No. R20170029**) Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

3. Resolution Concerning an Application to Transfer Land from Current Use Farm and Agriculture to the Current Use Open Space Farm and Agriculture Conservation Classification by Peggy Van Allen - File No. CUOSFA #16-2016

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve a Resolution Concerning an Application to Transfer Land from Current Use Farm and Agriculture to the Current Use Open Space Farm and Agriculture Conservation Classification by Peggy Van Allen - File No. CUOSFA #16-2016 (**Resolution No. R20170030**) Commissioner Janicki seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

4. Resolution Concerning an Application to Transfer Land from Current Use Farm and Agriculture to the Current Use Open Space Classification by Deann Johnson - File No. CUOS #17-2016

A motion was made by Commissioner Janicki to approve a Resolution Concerning an Application to Transfer Land from Current Use Farm and Agriculture to the Current Use Open Space Classification by Deann Johnson - File No. CUOS #17-2016 (**Resolution No. R20170031**) Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 11:28 a.m.

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

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 11:32 a.m.

1. County and Individual Success Stories

There were no County and Individual Success Stories provided.

2. Public Comment Period

Ed Stauffer of rural Skagit County provided complimentary remarks about the work that Carolyn Kelley and Kristi Carpenter had done for Skagit County; the professionalism of the Skagit 21 crew and the Skagit County's website. He spoke about how much he had enjoyed all the presentations today.

3. Miscellaneous Announcements

Commissioner Janicki announced that she would be attending meetings in Olympia on Wednesday, February 15, 2017.

Commissioner Dahlstedt wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

Chair Wesen mentioned that that Mount Vernon Police Officer Mike "Mick" McClaughry would be coming home from Harbor View Hospital and expressed his appreciation for all the police officers.

- f) *2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. United Way Partner Agency Meeting (Burlington Public Library, 820 Washington Avenue, Burlington)

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Wesen adjourned the proceedings at 11:49 a.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Ron Wesen, Chair

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

Lisa Janicki, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board