

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2017**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, June 13, 2017, with Commissioner Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, and Commissioner Lisa Janicki present. Chair Ron Wesen excused.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Dahlstedt called the proceedings to order at 11:34 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

III. AGENDA:

a) *10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Work Session - Public Health

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

1. County and Individual Success Stories

County and individual success stories were not shared.

2. Public Comment Period

Kathleen Reim of Sedro-Woolley commented on the proposal from Concrete Northwest to expand their gravel pit operations, talked about their community meeting in March, said that the community was concerned about safety at the intersection of Grip Road and Prairie Road and asked for improved dialog with Skagit County.

Larry Hedgpeth of Sedro-Woolley commented on the Commissioners attendance at their community meeting at Samish School and concerns about the lack of progress and communication with Skagit County regarding their concerns about safety and the environment.

Carol Ehlers of Fidalgo Island commented on information missing from the Draft EIS grizzly bear plan: it did not show Ross Lake and Lake Chelan Recreational Areas, it did not analyze economic impacts, it did not analyze the impact on 234 acres of private land, and that a 2005 report by John Waller should have been used instead of a 1997 report by John Waller. She said that the National Park had been created as a safe place for people to recreate.

Ms. Ehlers also shared an article written by Diana Kapp from the Wall Street Journal *Wilder Dreams* published June 10, 2017, regarding interacting with grizzly bears in Alaska. She said in Alaska, unlike British Columbia and the rest of the United States, it was legal to shoot a bear in self-defense. She also shared a report titled *Skagit County and Skagit Watershed* that identified the drainages in Skagit County and said that bears follow drainages.

Commissioner Dahlstedt appreciated the comments, discussed the application process underway regarding Concrete Northwest, and said that safety was a priority: be it bears or traffic.

Link to items provided by Carol Ehlers:

<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/06122017/>

3. Miscellaneous Announcements

No miscellaneous announcements were made.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Dahlstedt adjourned the proceedings at 11:51 a.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Ron Wesen, Chair

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt , Commissioner

Lisa Janicki, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board