

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2018**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 23, 2018, 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:

Director Dan Bererentson introduced the agenda item.

1. Presentation: Skagit County Drainage Utility Accomplishments - 1997 to 2017

Surface Water Section Manager Jan Flagan provided information about the history of the Drainage Utility and explained that the Skagit County Drainage Utility had been constructing stormwater control facilities for 20 years. She explained that the mission of the Drainage Utility was to preserve the County's natural water courses, provide effective surface water management services, and ensure proper enforcement of local, state and federal regulations. Ms. Flagan presented the Drainage Utility report and summarized some the accomplishments of the Drainage Utility from 1997 to 2017.

Link to PowerPoint Presentation, and Drainage Utility Accomplishments:
<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/01222018/>

2. Presentation: Certificate of Commendation to Surface Water Section Manager Jan Flagan

River Improvement/Watershed Planner Kara Symonds, Engineering Technician Nikki Davis, Administrative Assistant Contracts and Grants Samantha Clark, Secretary of Dike, Drainage, and Irrigation Improvement District 12 Darrell Hamburg, Administrative Assistant Meghan MacMullen, Water Resources Section Manager Michael See, Commissioner of Drainage and Irrigation Improvement 14 Roger Knutzen, and Habitat Restoration Specialist Emily Derenne shared stories, thanked Ms. Flagan for her leadership and wished her well in her retirement.

Commissioner Janicki read the Certificate of Commendation in recognition of dedicated public service to Jan Flagan from July 11, 2005 to February 28, 2018 and presented it to Ms. Flagan and wished her well in her retirement.

Mr. Berentson presented a 15-year service pin to Administrative Assistant Cheri Renfro.

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

b) 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Planning and Development Services - Stacie Pratschner, Senior Planner:

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

Assistant Director Ryan Walters introduced the agenda item.

1. Discussion: Docket of 2018 Comprehensive Plan Amendments

Senior Planner Stacie Pratschner provided a summary of the agenda item and noted that on January 16, 2018, the second public hearing for 2018 docket had been held. It was noted that the Department recommended that the Board of County Commissioners set the 2018 Docket consistent with the Recommendations Summary. Staff also recommended excluding P17-0416 - Avalon Fully Contained Community.

There was a discussion about clarifying the process of ground water issues and the Department's recommendation.

[Link to Staff Report Regarding the Docket of 2018 Comprehensive Plan:](ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/01222018/)

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2. Possible Action: Provide Direction to Staff Regarding Setting the 2018 Docket of Comprehensive Plan Amendments

The Commissioners deliberated and agreed with the Department's Recommendation and provided direction to bring forward a Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Chair Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 9:44 a.m.

- c) [10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Presentation by Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Regional Director Amy Windrope](#)

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

Region 4 Director Amy Windrope introduced the following Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) staff: Habitat Program Manager Brendan Brokes, Captain Alan Myers, Nearshore Communications Manager Seth Ballhorn, Skagit Wildlife Area Manager Belinda Rotton, Restoration Projects Coordinator Loren Brokaw, and Project Manager Jenna Friebel.

There was a discussion about WDFW conservation tools which included regulatory, species augmentation, land use planning assistance, private land partnerships and real property management. Also discussed was damage caused by elks, reducing elk population and the hunting season.

Public Works Director Dan Berentson spoke about the working relationship with WDFW and the Clean Samish Initiative.

Chair Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings 10:42 a.m.

[Link to PowerPoint Presentation:](#)

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- d) [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 were no County and Individual Success Stories provided.

2. Public Comment Period

Mary Ruth Holder of Mount Vernon, Tim Manns of Mount Vernon, Phillip Holder of Mount Vernon, Brenda Cunningham of Mount Vernon, and Beverly Faxon of Burlington commented on the State Legislature's funding of the Blanchard Mountain acres and opposed contracting with lobbyist Robert Weidner.

Brian Lipscomb of Sedro-Woolley commented on climate change.

Jim Hinton of Sedro-Woolley commented on a code enforcement issue.

Mike Newman of Sedro-Woolley commented on water rights issues.

Randy Good of Sedro-Woolley commented on the damage caused by elk and elk hoof rot.

3. Miscellaneous Announcements

There were no Miscellaneous Announcements provided.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

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

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Chair

Ron Wesen, Commissioner

Lisa Janicki, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board