

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2018**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 10, 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 Berentson and Country Engineer Paul Randall-Grutter were present to speak about the agenda items.

Noxious Weed Board Coordinator Joseph Shea provided a brief history of the Skagit County Noxious Weed Control Board and noted that on April 14, 1980, the Skagit County Board of Commissioners passed Resolution No. 8392 and Resolution No. 8393, which activated the County Noxious Weed Control Board for Skagit County. These Resolutions established five (5) geographic areas that comprised the noxious weed districts of Skagit County, pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 17.10.

There was a discussion about the process to fill vacant positions on the Noxious Weed Control Board.

1. Public Hearing to Consider Public Testimony Regarding Revising Chapter 6.56 of Skagit County Code to Outline the Terms, Policies, Procedures and Responsibility of the Skagit County Noxious Weed Control Board

Chair Dahlstedt opened the public hearing at 8:38 a.m.

Seeing no public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Wesen made a motion to close the public hearing at 8:38 a.m. Commissioner Janicki seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

2. Possible Action - Ordinance Amending Chapter 6.56 of Skagit County Code

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve the Resolution Amending County Ordinance to Revise Chapter 6.56 of Skagit County Code to Outline the Terms, Policies, Procedures and Responsibility of the Skagit County Noxious Weed Control Board **(Ordinance No. O20180005)** Commissioner Janicki seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

3. Presentation Regarding the Ferry Fare Target Report

Ferry Operations Division Manager Rachel Rowe presented the draft 2018 Ferry Fare Revenue Target Report. She noted that the draft report was prepared annually for submittal to the Board of County Commissioners pursuant to Resolution No. R20100050, amended by Resolution No. R20110382, which established the Guemes Island Ferry fare target methodology.

Ms. Rowe provided historical fare box revenue numbers for the years 2013 through 2017 and noted that fare box revenue decreased in the years when the boat was a hauled-out. She noted that during the five-year evaluation period, expenditures ranged between \$1.6 and \$2.9 million and that expenditures were consistently \$500,000 to \$1 million higher in years when the boat was hauled-out for service.

Ms. Rowe said that in 2017, the fare box revenue exceeded the revenue target; therefore, the Public Works Department was not recommending that a fare increase take place in 2018.

She said that the report would be available at www.skagitcounty.net/ferry from Monday, April 9, 2018, through Friday, April 27, 2018, and that public comment period would be open for the same period.

There was a discussion about whether the five-year formula accurately reflected revenues, the need to also look at expenses, the amount of money the Road Fund contributed to the Guemes Island Ferry, and a meeting that Public Works staff recently attended with the Washington State Ferry Chief of Staff Elizabeth Kosa.

Mr. Berentson mentioned that since the discovery that Skagit County's Solid Waste Division could no longer send plastic to China to recycle, they were working to find a facility so that they could continue to recycle plastic.

Mr. Berentson mentioned a letter from the State of Washington Department of Health, dated April 5, 2018, regarding shellfish beds in the State. The letter stated that there were no areas in Skagit County that were threatened with downgrades in classification this year. He also showed the Commissioners a map of the classified commercial and recreational shellfish growing areas.

[Link to PowerPoint Presentation and Draft Ferry Fare Target Report:](ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/04092018/)

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Chair Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 9:11 a.m.

- b) 9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Decision - Closed Record Appeal No. PL18-0077 Submitted by Ian W. Jefferds of Penn Cove Shellfish LLC Regarding the Hearing Examiner's Decision, Dated February 6, 2018

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

The Commissioners discussed whether Skagit County Code could be modified to allow shellfish processing at the location requested by the Appellant.

Chair Dahlstedt noted that if the vote passed, the permit sought by the Appellant on the property should be processed in accordance with the resolution. He said that the Resolution would be limited to specific facts of the present appeal, and was not to be construed as precedential in the interpretation of any future land use matters, either on behalf of Appellant, or others.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to grant the appeal and reverse the decision of the Hearing Examiner. **(Resolution No. R20180083)** Commissioner Janicki seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

Following the vote, Chair Dahlstedt directed the Planning and Development Services Department to prepare and bring forward appropriate legislative options for the Board's consideration that would address and correct the issues identified in the Resolution.

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

c) 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Proclamation Recognizing Wednesday, April 11 as Washington State Arbor Day and Friday, April 27 as National Arbor Day

Public Information and Education Conversation District Kristi Carpenter provided a PowerPoint presentation and brief history of Arbor Day and the benefits of planting trees. She noted that Arbor Day began in Nebraska 146 years ago, in 1872 by J. Sterling Morton.

Forester Al Craney provided information about the benefits of planting trees and invited everyone to attend Skagit County Conseration District's Annual Native Plant Sale, taking place on Saturday, April 14, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at WACD Lynn Brown Plant Materials Center located at 16564 Bradley Road in Bow.

Executive Director Bill Blake spoke about how trees benefited Skagit County.

Commissioner Janicki read the Proclamation to celebration Arbor Day and proclaimed Wednesday, April as Washington State Arbor Day and Friday, April 27 as National Arbor Day, and urged all Skagit County residents to celebrate Arbor Day and support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands.

Link to PowerPoint Presentation:

<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/04092018/>

Chair Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 10:23 a.m.

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

Chair Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner Lisa Janicki and Commissioner Ron Wesen attended a work session with the Public Health Department from 10:30 a.m. to 11:25 a.m. The topic was homeless housing projects.

Additional Attendees:

County Administrator Tim Holloran
Public Health Director Jennifer Johnson
Budget and Finance Director Trisha Logue
Public Health Analyst Kayla Scott-Bresler
Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Melinda Miller

Note, a recording of this work session can be obtained by contacting the Skagit County Commissioners' office.

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

There was no one present to provide public comment.

3. Miscellaneous Announcements

Commissioner Janicki and Commissioner Wesen spoke about the elk and agriculture Skagit stakeholders meeting that they attended on Monday, April 9, 2018, and the Sedro-Woolley Woodfest taking place on April 14 and 15, 2018, during the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival.

Commissioner Dahlstedt discussed the Tulip Festival and the annual Kiwanis Salmon BBQ, which takes place at Hillcrest Park in Mount Vernon.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Dahlstedt adjourned the proceedings at 11:35 a.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Chair

Lisa Janicki, Commissioner

Ron Wesen, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board