

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, with Chair Peter Browning, Commissioner Ron Wesen, and Commissioner Lisa Janicki present.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Wesen called the proceedings to order at 9:00 a.m. and excused Chair Peter Browning's absence.

II. AGENDA:

a) *9:00 a.m. Pledge of Allegiance

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

b) *9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Public Works - Grace Kane, Director:

1. Presentation - Salmon Restoration Program

Public Works Director Grace Kane introduced the agenda items and announced that the presentation from Daryl Hamburg would be rescheduled to a later date.

Habitat Restoration Specialist Emily Derenne provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding grant funding that was used to study, design and construct the following salmon restoration projects:

- South Fork Skagit River Restoration
- Ovenell Slough (Cedar Grove) Fish Passage
- Concrete County Shop at Lorenzan Creek
- Lower Day Slough
- DeBay Slough

Ms. Derenne noted that since 2009, 34 grants totaling \$7,691,954 had been obtained for salmon recovery.

Chair Browning joined the proceedings at 9:21 a.m.

Link to PowerPoint presentation:

<https://www.skagitcounty.net/CountyCommissioners/Documents/AgendaPackets/11072022.zip/>

2. Presentation - Daryl Hamburg, Director of Operations at Skagit County Dike District 17

This item was rescheduled to a future date.

3. Miscellaneous

Ms. Kane introduced new Public Works employee Natural Resources Division Manager Jenn E. Johnson. Ms. Johnson provided a brief history of her education and work experience.

Chair Browning recessed the proceedings at 9:38 a.m.

c) *10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Consideration of the Hearing Examiner's Recommendation for the Following Open Space Applications:

Chair Browning reconvened the proceedings at 10:01 a.m.

1. Discussion/Possible Action: Resolution Concerning a Transfer of 8.5 Acres from Current Use Farm and Agriculture to Current Use Open Space Classification Submitted by Jamie and Tipton Power, Application No. 1-2022

Current Use Segregationist Specialist Kiffin Saben presented the application to transfer of 8.5 Acres from Current Use Farm and Agriculture to Current Use Open Space Classification submitted by Jamie

and Tipton Power, Application No. 1-2022. She said the property would protect streams, stream corridors, wetlands, natural shorelines, or aquifers.

Discussion ensued about the location of the property being transferred into the Current Use Open Space Classification and the property that the owners would retain for their personal use.

A motion was made by Commissioner Janicki to approve the Resolution Concerning a Transfer of 8.5 Acres from Current Use Farm and Agriculture to Current Use Open Space Classification Submitted by Jamie and Tipton Power, Application No. 1-2022 (**Resolution No. R20220211**) Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

2. Discussion/Possible Action: Resolution Concerning a Transfer of 64.28 Acres from Designated Forest Land to Current Use Open Space Classification Submitted by Skagit Land Trust, Application No. 2-2022

Ms. Saben presented the application to transfer 64.28 Acres from Designated Forest Land to Current Use Open Space Classification Submitted by Skagit Land Trust, Application No. 2-2022. She said the property would conserve or enhance natural, cultural, or scenic resources, protect streams, stream corridors, wetlands, natural shorelines, or aquifers and preserve visual quality.

Discussion ensued about the whether the homesite was included in the transfer, taking forestland out of production and the setbacks from the river.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve the Resolution Concerning a Transfer of 64.28 Acres from Designated Forest Land to Current Use Open Space Classification Submitted by Skagit Land Trust, Application No. 2-2022 (**Resolution No. R20220212**) Commissioner Janicki seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

3. Discussion/Possible Action: Resolution Concerning a Transfer of 22.26 Acres from Current Use Farm and Agriculture to Current Use Open Space Classification Submitted by Mark and Eugenie Fairhart, Application No. 3-2022

Ms. Saben presented the application to transfer of 22.26 Acres from Current Use Farm and Agriculture to Current Use Open Space Classification Submitted by Mark and Eugenie Fairhart, Application No. 3-2022 presentation. She said the property would protect streams, stream corridors, wetlands, natural shorelines, or aquifers.

Discussion ensued about whether there was a discrepancy in the number of acres being transferred. The Commissioners decided that this item should be pulled to accurately reflect the number of acres being transferred. It will be considered at a future date.

4. Discussion/Possible Action: Resolution Concerning a Transfer of 11.9 Acres from Current Use Farm and Agriculture to Current Use Open Space Classification Submitted by Deborah Clough and Lyle Gerrits, Application No. 4-2022

Ms. Saben presented the application to transfer 11.9 Acres from Current Use Farm and Agriculture to Current Use Open Space Classification Submitted by Deborah Clough and Lyle Gerrits, Application No. 4-2022. She said the property would protect streams, stream corridors, wetlands, natural shorelines or aquifers, critical wildlife, and native plan habitat.

A discussion ensued about why the property was no longer considered to be productive farmland.

A motion was made by Commissioner Janicki to approve the Resolution Concerning a Transfer of 11.9 Acres from Current Use Farm and Agriculture to Current Use Open Space Classification Submitted by Deborah Clough and Lyle Gerrits, Application No. 4-2022 (**Resolution No. R20220213**) Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

5. Discussion/Possible Action: Resolution Concerning a Transfer of 16.77 Acres from Current Use Farm and Agriculture to Current Use Farm and Agricultural Conservation Land Classification Submitted by Rocky and Michele Long, Application No. 5-2022

This item was pulled to correct the map. It will be considered at a future date.

6. Discussion/Possible Action: Resolution Concerning a Transfer of 24.58 Acres from Designated Forest Land to Current Use Open Space Classification Submitted by Skagit Land Trust, Application No. 6-2022

Ms. Saben presented the application to transfer 24.58 Acres from Designated Forest Land to Current Use Open Space Classification Submitted by Skagit Land Trust, Application No. 6-2022. The property would conserve or enhance nature, cultural, or scenic resources, protect streams, stream corridors, wetlands, natural shorelines, or aquifers and preserve visual quality.

Discussion ensued about the location of the property.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve the Resolution Concerning a Transfer of 24.58 Acres from Designated Forest Land to Current Use Open Space Classification Submitted by Skagit Land Trust, Application No. 6-2022 (**Resolution No. R20220214**) Commissioner Janicki seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

7. Discussion/Possible Action: Resolution Concerning a Transfer of 20.2 Acres from Designated Forest Land to Current Use Open Space Classification Submitted by Skagit Land Trust, Application No. 7-2022

Ms. Saben presented the application to transfer 20.2 Acres from Designated Forest Land to Current Use Open Space Classification Submitted by Skagit Land Trust, Application No. 7-2022. The property would conserve or enhance nature, cultural, or scenic resources, protect streams, stream corridors, wetlands, natural shorelines, or aquifers and preserve visual quality.

A discussion ensued about the property's proximity to the river and the classifications on either side of the property.

A motion was made by Commissioner Janicki to approve the Resolution Concerning a Transfer of 20.2 Acres from Designated Forest Land to Current Use Open Space Classification Submitted by Skagit Land Trust, Application No. 7-2022 (**Resolution No. R20220215**) Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

Chair Browning recessed the proceedings at 11:00 a.m.

- d) *11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Information Services - Mike Almvig, Director:

Chair Browning reconvened the proceedings at 11:03 a.m.

1. Presentation/Discussion Regarding Awarding the Planning Permit System Request for Proposal to one (1) of three (3) Proposers: Avocette - Accela Civic; or Granicus - Amanda; or Tyler - Energov

Information Services Manager Mike Almvig said that the vendor for the current permitting system, Permits Plus, had notified the County that as of July 2023 they would no longer provide support for the system. Mr. Almvig explained that seven (7) vendors had responded to Skagit County's Request for Proposals. He explained that a selection team had been formed and selected three (3) out of the seven (7) proposals to bring before the Board for their consideration.

Planning and Services Director Hal Hart and Systems Analyst Rose Cummins expressed support for the Tyler Technologies proposal. They indicated that Tyler Technologies would be able to provide a greater user experience for staff and the public.

Discussion ensued about workflows, users' experience with the software, ability to reduce call volumes, the implementation process, the programs that other counties used, the evaluation process, integrating Property One Stop with the new system, and the staff that would be needed to support the system.

2. Public Comment (Specifically related to the agenda item)

Member of the public Patrick Donnelly asked if the implementation timelines between the three (3) systems were comparable.

Another member of the public said that Whatcom County's system had been live for about six (6)

months.

3. Possible Action - Resolution to Award the Planning Permit System Request for Proposal to one (1) of three (3) Proposers: Avocette - Accela Civic; or Granicus - Amanda; or Tyler - Energov

A motion was made by Commissioner Janicki to approve the Resolution to award the Planning Permitting System Tyler Technologies' Energov platform(**Resolution No. R20220216**)
Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

Chair Browning recessed the proceedings at 11:33 a.m.

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

Chair Browning reconvened the proceedings at 11:35 a.m.

1. Public Comment Period

Jack Middleton of Josh Wilson Road in Bay View commented on the recently completed Farm-to-Market/Josh Wilson Road intersection improvements. He thanked the Commissioners and Public Works staff for their commitment and dedication to obtain funding to support the project.

Larita Humble of Lake Cavanaugh commented on the North Shore Drive erosion.

2. County and Individual Success Stories

None provided.

3. Miscellaneous

The Commissioners reminded everyone that today was election day.

Chair Browning recessed the proceedings at 11:52.

- f) 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Budget Work Session

Chair Browning reconvened the proceedings at 1:05 p.m. The purpose of the work session was to discuss the Skagit County Budget.

Attendees:

Chair Peter Browning

Commissioner Ron Wesen

Commissioner Lisa Janicki

County Administrator/Budget and Finance Director Trisha Logue

Human Resources/Risk Management Director Bonnie Beddall

Chair Browning recessed the proceedings at 2:25 p.m.

- g) 3:15 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Executive Session (Potential Litigation - RCW 42.30.110(1)(i))

1. Call Public Meeting to Order/Roll Call

Chair Browning reconvened the proceedings at 3:17 p.m. and announced that they would be entering an executive session for approximately 45 minutes.

Chair Peter Browning, Commissioner Ron Wesen and Commissioner Lisa Janicki were present. The following attorneys were present at the executive session and provided legal advice to the Board of County Commissioners: Senior Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Erik Pedersen and Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Stephen R. Fallquist. Other attendees: County Administrator Trisha Logue, Deputy County Administrator Jennifer Johnson, Public Works Director Grace Kane, Assistant Public Works Director Michael See, and Natural Resources Division Manager Jenn E. Johnson were present.

2. Executive Session (Potential Litigation - RCW 42.30.110(1)(i))

The executive session began at 3:37 p.m. and ended at 4:06 p.m.

3. Reconvene Public Meeting/Adjournment

Chair Browning reconvened the proceedings at 4:06 p.m. and announced that no action had taken place.

III. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Browning adjourned the proceedings at 4:06 p.m.

*Note, to obtain an audio or video recording of this meeting; please contact the Skagit County Commissioners' office.

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

Peter Browning, Chair

Ron Wesen, Commissioner

Lisa Janicki, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board