

AB January 8, 2014

Mike huges proxy for greg lee

Call to order at 6 pm

Minutes: murray moved, and jim seconded. Passed

Introduced to benefit the guest, Richard

Ron Wesen: here to listen to the talk of the vacancy applications and will be interviewing three this week. Those decided after reviewing their application letters.

Tye spoke that looking for a different background in ag. Jim says good to have diversity on the aab. Brian felt it's good to have someone who is up to speed on the current ag issues. Tye spoke about future issues that the aab is basically reactive to current issues and bring them to the bcc. Kraig said lots of application that have an interest in ag, but not a lot of experience in ag. Nels mentioned that one doesn't have to be a farmer to be on this board.

Commissioner wesen also mentioned to the aab that the bcc is available to hear the aab's recommendations and advisory on any pressing ag issues. Ron also noted current pressing issues facing ag today and the county's infrastructure, instream flow rules, open space trails, GI study (the alternative choice has not been decided) a long discussion ensued on the gi study and nels is saying that there are other ideas other than the alternatives on the table under consideration. How does the aab collaborate with the county and dike & drainage/irrigation districts; UGA-2016 comp update, TDR project,

Rich Broxsmith, newdirector of Skagit watershed council. Just introduced himself to see how the salmon recovery effects Skagit county aab. He spoke about his background and reasons why he was hired. Murray spoke about the continuation of erodible farmland in the valley. Murry feels there is very little respect to local farmers on why restoration projects are done and are becoming detrimental. He wouldlike more timespent with landowners regarding these fish enchancement projects. Rich is here to see what the needs are in the valley's ag community. Jim carstense said that it is critically important that the ag community collaborate with wildlife restoration agencies; knowing where are food comes from and not spend the vast amount of money it is costing for these restoration projects. Rich's goal is to open up communication with all groups across the valley and find out how all can work together collaborately to meet the needs of fish, ag, and other wildlife. Rich would like to continue the conversation with all.

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7:30 – noon = 4.5      1-3:45 = 2.75      5:15-8 = 2.75      10 hours total...2 OT

The group reviewed the 2014 PDS work program. It was suggested that staff from PDS should attend a future aab meeting to discuss different items on the work program and other issues that could be of interest.

No old or new business.

No committee reports

Commissioner wesen touched briefly on the status of the shoreline project.

Adjourned 7:40

Next meeting is Feb 12