

Skagit County Agricultural Advisory Board (AAB)
Minutes –May, 2008

Members in attendance:

Kim Mower
Murray Benjamin
Bill McMoran
Nels Lagerlund
Roger Knutzen
Annie Lohman
Randy Good
Bob Hughes
Lyle Wesen
John Vendeland

Members not in attendance:

Mike Hulbert

Others in attendance

Carly Ruacho
Kendra Smith
Jeroldine Helberg PDS
Tom (Open Space consultant)

1. Call to order. 6:05 p.m. Kim Mower called meeting to order and welcomed the committee and guests. Introductions made.
2. April 2008 Minutes. Kim read. Roger moved and Randy seconded to accept the April minutes. Approved.
3. Old business.
 - a. Before the BoCC. Kim went before the BoCC at their last scheduled public comment period. She thanked them for supporting ag especially with the Ag – buffer issue that has lasted for over 10 years.
 - b. Presentation of Ag Issues. Bill shared his concern over the speed at which the AAB has been able to get their issues completed. Discussion around the table indicated that this needs to get done ASAP. Bill volunteered to work with Kim to get it going.
 - c. Elections: Kim opened the floor to nominations for this coming years chair and vice chair. Lyle moved and Roger seconded that the AAB keep the same people in for another year. Passed 9-1. Further discussion: It was improper to vote without a months notice that a vote would be taken (according to the by-laws) and the AAB should be given time to think about their votes. It was then moved by Annie and seconded by Bill that since the vote had been taken that another vote to amend the first vote should be taken to add to the first vote that the offices would expire December 31st and that elections should be held during the December meeting. Passed unanimously.
4. Next meeting. Wetland bank presentation from DOE.
5. Adjourned. 9:25 p.m.