



SKAGIT COUNTY AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD

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Skagit County Agriculture Advisory Board

September 8, 2010

Minutes

Members in Attendance

Nels Lagerlund (proxy for Kim Mower) Murray Benjamin Bill McMoran (proxy for Lyle Wesen) Kraig Knutzen Jim Carstens (proxy for Randy Good) Nate Youngquist

Members not in attendance: Greg Lee, Bob Hughes, Mike Hulbert, Kim Mower, Lyle Wesen

Non-members, guests and visitors:

Kendra Smith – Natural Resources

Carolyn Kelly - Conservation Service

Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 7:07PM by Chair Nels.

The Minutes from the August meeting were discussed. Kraig motioned, Bill seconded, to accept the Minutes. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Flood/Drainage- The Bayview drainage plan was discussed.

CAO- Nels, Jim, Carolyn reported on the Skagit Cattlemen's meeting with Rick Haley. Rick will be taking more water samples between Hwy 9 and Old Hwy 99 in the Samish River as part of the PIC program. Samples will be taken on a two week schedule and he will now take samples during rain events. The Storm Team will be taking samples in a different watershed.

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Old Business

NO old business

New Business, Extra Discussion

There was an open discussion on how to address negative press coverage and misinformation concerning water samples. Conservation Service is sending out a Samish Quarterly to Samish River watershed residents to provide information. Murray requested that we invite the new public works director Henry Hash to attend an upcoming Ag Advisory meeting.

Adjourn

Murray motioned to adjourn, seconded by Jim. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

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