



## **SKAGIT COUNTY AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD**

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### **Skagit County Agriculture Advisory Board**

**1/12/2011**

#### **Copper Room**

#### **Members Present**

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

Members not present - Kim Mower

#### **Non-Members in Attendance**

Kendra Smith – Skagit NRL coordinator  
Harry Hash – Skagit Public Works  
Paul – Skagit Public Works  
Carolyn Kelly – Skagit Conservation District  
Mike Hughes  
Carly Ruacho – Planning and Development Service

#### **Call to Order, Minutes**

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM. Introductions around the table.

Mike motioned to amend December Minutes to include 12-1-2010 Land Use meeting notes and present at next meeting. Bill seconded, motion passed. Also, Lyle was noted as bding absent but was actually there.

#### **Guest Speaker**

- I. Paul gave an update on Francis Road project. Re-aligned about 1 mile at Croahen Rd. Purpose to be safer, updated to road standards. Parts of funding were from grants and other sources. County has looked at several options.

Farmland Legacy Strategic Planning report by Kendra, Carolyn, and Mike. Carolyn spoke on ability to preserve farmland, lack of \$\$\$, different program, code amendments, and develop rights. Don Stuart will be calling a few AAB members for information on program changes, how to make it better with local help. A joint meeting will follow up. Randy spoke on helping FLP to be in dependent of other groups and if economy improves what will happen.

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Mike spoke on end state of facilitator. Ability to use tax payer \$ to highest use possible when FLP does projects with other partners the County holds easements. Meeting planned for Feb. or March.

### **Committee Reports**

- a. Land use – Mike wants to remain on committee but not be Chair. Nate will chair Economic Committee. Murray will join Land Use. Wait until Kim is asked about being Land Use Chair. No report.
- b. Economic Development – Mike addressed local businesses need to be supported.
- c. CAO – Randy reported on M. Holl situation with Dept of Ecology. Line dropped and Holls working with Conservation District. HB 1082 drafted by Benley to help with these situations.
- d. Flood and Draining – No report.

### **New Business**

No new business

### **Extra Discussion**

Nate reported on Enviaion 2060. A meeting on 1-27-'11 at 10:AM – 12:PM at WSU Research Center. Mayors had their meeting. Most Cities were 20 years out in their planning.

### **Old Business**

Bob resignation and flood committee report.

### **Adjourn**

Murray motioned to adjourn, Mike seconded, motion passed. Meeting adjourned 7:35PM

Minutes taken by Murray, prepared by Kim

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