



SKAGIT COUNTY AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD

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Minutes
September 22, 2011

Members in attendance: Kim Mower, Mike Hulbert, Jim Carstens, Randy Good(proxy for Murray Benjamin), Bill McMoran, Nels Lagerlund, Michael Hughes, Kraig Knutzen, Nate Youngquist, Greg Lee, Lyle Wesen. Members not in attendance: Murray Benjamin (Randy Good his proxy)

Others in attendance:

Annie Lohman - Planning Commission, Jim and Janet McRae – cattlemen, Norm Mitchell - cattleman Mike Shelby – WWAA, Ryan Walters - Skagit County, Betsy Stevenson - Skagit County, Kendra Smith - Skagit County, Mike Rundlett – WWAA, Carolyn Kelly - Soil Conservation, Ron Shultz - WSCC Will Honea - Skagit County, Gary Christensen - Skagit County

- I. Call to Order. Noted that the AAB meeting for September had been changed to this date.
- II. Chair Nels brought the meeting to order at 6:06 pm. Nels reported that Michael Hughes has become an official member of the AAB.
- III. Minutes. Randy moves and Greg seconded to approve. Motion passed.
- IV. Introductions. Introductions were made around the room.
- V. Discussion:

Guest Speaker

Ron Shultz - WA State Conservation Commission - Handed around the table a document about the Volunteer Stewardship Program (VSP). Gave a brief history of the development of the VSP. Ryan Walters reviewed dates for Skagit County to be in compliance. Some explanation of the need for an adaptive management plan. Discussion around the table on clarifying issues related to needs. Ron continued to review VSP and answered questions. He talked about the funding, and how the County would proceed, or, if no funding, back to traditional GMA work. More discussion about priority watersheds. Ron continued to review the handout, answer questions, and discuss the technical details of the plan.

Reminder of the Planning Commission meeting on November 1st

Next AAB meeting Oct. 12th.

Committee reports – none. Mike Hulbert suggested a Land Use meeting before the next AAB meeting to discuss the VSP. Kim to set that up.

Old Business - none

New Business - none

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Mike moved, Kim seconded, to adjourn. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:21pm

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