



SKAGIT COUNTY AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD

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Skagit County Agriculture Advisory Board

October 12, 2011

6: PM – 8: PM

Copper Room

Members Present

Nels Lagerlund(Proxy for Kim Mower); Randy Good; Jim Carstens; Bill McMoran; Lyle Wesen;
Michael Hughes(proxy for Mike Hulbert) Kraig Knutzen; Murray Benjamin
Members not present – Greg Lee, Mike Hulbert, Kim Mower, Nate Youngquist

Non Members Present

Carolyn Kelly – Skagit Soil Conservation
Kendra Smith – Skagit County
Ryan Walters – Skagit County
Kirk Johnson – Skagit County
Betsy Stevenson – Skagit County
Gary Christiansen – Skagit County

Call to Order and Minutes

Chair Nels called the meeting to order at 6:02PM. Lyle motioned to accept September Minutes, Bill seconded, motion passed

Speakers

Kirk Johnson, PDS, spoke on TDLs, density credits, Farmland Legacy, etc. County working on TDR program. Discussion on Burlington's program, and what King County has been doing. TDRs for 4000 acres.

Ryan Walters spoke on VSP. TDI Tidegate was added to the proposal.

Randy spoke on meetings that have occurred. He still has concerns about CAO. Planning Commission still doesn't have a plan. The concerns are costs and requirements. Ryan Walters states County won't do anything until WA State legislature sends funding. Whole program will collapse with no funding. Skagit County can put in its own money. Goal will be to protect fish habitat. Funds will be used to enhance habitat. Ryan and Gary explained lots of difficult situations with group and to settle many of Randy's concerns.

Skagit County Agricultural Advisory Board Members:

Nels Lagerlund (Chair), Mike Hulbert, Murray Benjamin, Jim Carstens, Randy Good, Bob Hughes, Kraig Knutzen, , Greg Lee, Bill McMoran, Kim Mower (Vice Chair), Nate Youngquist, Lyle Wesen, Carly Ruacho, Ex-Officio, Planning & Development Services, Don McMoran, WSU Extension.

Lyle motioned to accept VSP plan provided there are no major changes, as presented. Kraig seconded, motion passed, 7 -1 with Randy voting no. Jim motioned to enroll the entire County in VSP, Bill seconded, motion passed.

Kraig motioned to nominate Skagit and Samish watershed in Priority Status, Jim seconded, motion passed.

New Business

Kendra reported census shows redistricting is in order. Lines will be done by end of the year.

Adjourn

Murray motioned to adjourn, Kraig seconded, motion passed. (time was not noted)
Minutes taken by Murray, prepared by Kim