



SKAGIT COUNTY AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD

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Skagit County Agriculture Advisory Board Meeting Minutes (final)

December 14, 2011

Copper Room

Members in Attendance

Murray Benjamin

Randy Good

Kraig Knutzen

Kim Mower

Lyle Wesen

Nate Youngquist

Mike Hulbert

Nels Lagerlund

Michael Hughes

Greg Lee

Jim Carstens(excused at 7:22 due to illness, Murray asked to Proxy)

Members not in attendance Bill McMoran

Others in Attendance

Kendra Smith – Skagit County Natural Resources Coordinator

Kirk Johnson – Skagit County Planning and Development Services

Jim Meyer – Envision 2060 Citizen Committee member

Call to Order, Introductions, Minutes

Chair Nels called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

The October minutes were presented for approval. Murray moved to approve and Greg seconded. The motion passed.

The November minutes were presented for approval. Randy moved to approve and Greg seconded. The motion passed.

Randy and Nels spoke about the marine recovery on the Samish watershed, with discussion on property septic systems coming under scrutiny.

Kraig and Kim spoke on Shoreline meeting activities, discussing the draft matrix redistricting, classifications, and acceptable designations of the new plan, referring to the “Natural” and “Rural Conservancy” listing.

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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, Don McMoran, WSU Extension.

Guest Speaker

Kirk Johnson provided a power point presentation overview of the Envision 2060 project. Kim, Kirk, Jim Meyer, and Nate reported the estimated increase of population in the county by about 100,000 by 2060. Agriculture was well represented. How do we plan for new people coming into this area? Move as many as possible into the urban areas, with a 90/10 plan; 90% into urban areas and 10% in rural. Kim spoke on new housing trends in urban areas. Jim and Kendra spoke on Vancouver BC land and food distribution uses and how much is grown locally. There was more discussion around the table about TDRs. Kirk explained the current TDR grant proposal.

Committee Reports – None

Old Business - None

New Business – None

Extra Discussion

Kendra provided information about an upcoming meeting regarding Grizzly Bears and cougars scheduled for February 14, 2012, 9:30 a.m. in the Board of County Commissioners hearing room.

There will be an Ag Summit in the King, Snohomish, and Pierce County area (meeting place not yet determined) on January 25, 2012. Kendra asked for two AAB members to attend. Kim said she could attend.

Kendra reviewed the AAB member term limits. When a particular term is up for renewal (3-year term), the public has an opportunity to submit an application. There is one position open in District 1 and two positions in District 2.

Elections

Nels opened the meeting for nominations for Chair. Randy nominated Kim. Kraig nominated Nels. Lyle motioned, Mike Hulbert seconded, to close nominations. The motion passed. Nels got the Chair, with 6 votes against Kim's 3. Mike nominated Kim for Vice-Chair, with Greg seconding.

Staff Changes

Kendra will no longer be with the AAB effective January 1, 2012. Linda Christensen will take over the position as the AAB administrative support and will take meeting minutes and other duties as assigned.

Kim mentioned several passed month's Minutes were missing from the County's inventory. Nels said he had all and could provide the needed documents.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM

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