



SKAGIT COUNTY AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD

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Skagit County Agriculture Advisory Board (AAB) Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2012

Skagit County Administration Building

Members in Attendance

Nels Lagerlund (Chair)	Jim Carstens	Mike Hulbert
Randy Good	Bill McMoran	Michael Hughes (proxy for Greg Lee)
Lyle Wesen	Murray Benjamin	Nate Youngquist

Others in Attendance

Linda Christensen, Skagit County Planning & Development Services
Don McMoran, Mount Vernon Northwestern Washington Research & Extension Center (WSU)
Kirk Johnson, Skagit County Planning & Development Services
Carolyn Kelly, Skagit Conservation District

Call to Order

Nels called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Consent Agenda

There was one addition to the agenda to discuss the 3DT BMP Implementation and proposed Manure Legislation Discussion Paper.

TDR Update

Kirk Johnson provided a handout that listed the TDR Advisory Committee names, a brief statement explaining, "what is a TDR?", and a website link that provides information about the Request for Proposal Market and Economic Analysis. Kirk's overview included what the advisory committee has covered so far. This information can be found on the Planning & Development Services website, [Skagit County Transfer of Development Rights Project](#). The next meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2013.

Minutes

Nels requested a minor formatting change on the attendance record. Randy motioned to accept the October 10, 2012 meeting minutes as presented and noting the correction. Murray seconded. The motion passed.

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3DT BMP Implementation and Proposed Manure Legislation Discussion Paper

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Carolyn Kelly gave an overview of this 50-page document and the proposed manure legislation discussion paper, all prepared under direction from Governor Gregoire. Carolyn touched on the most concerning points to the AAB. Comments will be accepted by the parties identified in the document until December 28, 2012.

Committee Reports

Nels reported from a recent Flood Zone Advisory committee meeting the three alternatives, Snohomish Bypass, Joe Leary Bypass, and the levy setbacks. The community alternative will be chosen by summer 2013. This alternative, once chosen, will go out to a 30% engineering design. The funding source for this phase has not been determined.

Carolyn reported the recent Samish findings. The last few storm events produced no closures. She mentioned that the Puget Sound Partnership is talking with Skagit County about monitoring. There was a discussion on high pollution marks near the Bow Hill casino. Carolyn will send storm event/pollution target maps to the AAB.

New Business

Lyle Wesen Resignation

Lyle Wesen announced his resignation. Linda mentioned that the advertisement to fill his vacancy will begin later this week.

2013 Elections

As stated in the AAB Operation Procedures, elections are held during the month of December. Nels spoke with Kraig, current Vice Chair and noted that he desires to continue in that role if he were nominated.

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Vice Chair: Bill McMoran moved to nominate Kraig Knutzen as the Vice Chair and Mike Hulbert seconded. The motion was approved by a show of hands approving and no show of hands opposing.

Chair: Murray Benjamin moved to nominate Nels Lagerlund as the Chair and Mike Hulbert seconded. The motion was approved by a show of hands approving and no show of hands opposing.

Adjourn and Next Meeting

Today's meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. The next regular meeting will occur on Wednesday, January 9, 6 p.m.