



**SKAGIT COUNTY AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD**  
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**Skagit County Agriculture Advisory Board (AAB) Meeting Minutes**  
**February 13, 2013**  
**Skagit County Administration Building**

**Members in Attendance**

Kraig Knutzen (Vice-Chair)    Jim Carstens                    Mike Hulbert  
Dan Lefeber                            Bill McMoran                    Murray Benjamin  
Nate Youngquist

**Proxy**

Murray Benjamin proxy for Michael Hughes and Greg Lee  
Kraig Knutzen proxy for Nels Lagerlund

**Others in Attendance**

Linda Christensen, Skagit County Planning & Development Services  
Jeannie Youngquist, Skagit County Auditor

Kraig Knutzen will chair the meeting on behalf of Nels Lagerlund.

**Call to Order**

Kraig Knutzen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Dan Lefeber, newest member to District 3 was introduced to the group.

**Consent Agenda**

The agenda was approved.

**Minutes**

Murray Benjamin motioned to accept the December 12, 2012 meeting minutes as presented and noting a correction to add Nate Youngquist as an attendee. Bill McMoran seconded and the motion passed.

**Committee Reports**

Flood & Drainage

Dan Lefeber announced that he would like to be on this committee and the AAB approved. Dan discussed the three alternatives currently being proposed for the GI Study. Murray mentioned

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that upriver bridge projects also have a restoration component. He is concerned about water flow headed to the lower valley.

### Shoreline

Kraig announced that the next Shoreline Advisory Meeting will be held February 21<sup>st</sup> and that the preliminary shoreline draft report has been sent to the Department of Ecology. This report can be reviewed by contacting Betsy Stevenson or going to the website link, [Shoreline Master Program 2013 Update](#)

### **New Member Update**

The AAB reviewed and briefly discussed the applicant's letters of interest. The following was recommended.

District 1 received three applicants: Andrew Shamp, Allen Workman, and Brian Duquaine. The AAB highly recommends Brian Duquaine, noting that his agriculture experience and contacts will be useful to the group. A motion to recommend Brian Duquaine to fill the District 1 was made by Murray and Jim seconded. With no further discussion, the motion passed and the recommendation will be forwarded to the Board of Commissioners.

District 3 received two applicants: Steve Skrinde and Tyler Clark. The AAB discussed that both are equally qualified, have different views, and have a lot of agriculture experience. A motion to recommend Tyler Clark to fill the District 3 position was made by Dan and seconded by Mike Hulbert. With no further discussion, the motion passed and the recommendation will be forwarded to the Board of Commissioners.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2013. The AAB requested a water rights discussion by Will Honea and a GI discussion by Dan Berentson.

### **Adjourn and Next Meeting**

Today's meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.