



SKAGIT COUNTY AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD
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Skagit County Agriculture Advisory Board (AAB) Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2013
Skagit County Administration Building

Members in Attendance

Nels Lagerlund (Chair) Tye Clark Brian Duquaine
Michael Hughes Mike Hulbert

Proxy Designation

Nels Lagerlund for Dan Lefeber Michael Hughes for Greg Lee
Tye Clark for Jim Carstens

Others in Attendance

Don McMoran Steve Omdal
Randy Good Ellen Bynum

Call to Order

Nels Lagerlund called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Public Comment

Randy Good addressed the AAB regarding the UGA Open Space plan. Randy read a letter to the editor he had composed.

Ellen Bynum addressed the AAB regarding agriculture land conversion. She proposed that the AAB look into requesting a moratorium on all agriculture land conversion until an economic analysis was done.

Minutes

Brian Duquaine moved to accept the September 11, 2013 meeting minutes as presented and Tye Clark seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Nels presented a letter that will be sent to the Board of County Commissioners regarding the flood control alternatives. Mike Hulbert made a motion to approve the letter as amended and Michael Hughes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Nels talked about the Clean Water Assessment. The tax is due to be reapproved in the near future. This tax creates an extra burden on the rural community. There is a concern that revenues and expenditures from this tax are not being tracked appropriately. According to RCW

*Skagit County Agricultural Advisory Board Members:
Nels Lagerlund (Chair), Kraig Knutzen (Vice Chair), Murray Benjamin, Jim Carstens, Dan Lefeber
Greg Lee, Bill McMoran, Mike Hulbert, Nate Youngquist, Michael Hughes, Tyler Clark, Brian Duquaine*

90.72.045, “the annual report shall provide sufficient detail of the expenditure of the revenue collected to ensure compliance.”

Tye made a motion to compose a letter that will be sent to the Board of County Commissioners regarding the expenditures of the Clean Water Assessment fund and Mike Hulbert seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn and Next Meeting

Today’s meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm and the next meeting is scheduled for November 13 at 6 p.m.