



## SKAGIT COUNTY AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD

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### Skagit County Agriculture Advisory Board (AAB) Meeting Minutes January 14, 2015, 6 p.m. Skagit County Administration Building

#### Members in Attendance

Nels Lagerlund	Barbara Cleave	Michael Hughes
Ty Clark	Greg Lee	Kraig Knutzen
Scott Hanseth	Jim Carstens	Mike Hulbert

#### Others in Attendance

Linda Christensen, Skagit County Planning Administrative Coordinator  
Steve Omdal, Port of Skagit County Commissioner

#### Call to Order

Chair Nels Lagerlund called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

#### Meeting Minutes

Kraig moved to approve the December 10, 2014 meeting minutes and Jim seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### Committee Assignments

Committees were reassigned as follows:

<u>Economic Development:</u>	<u>Critical Area</u>	<u>Land Use</u>
Ty Clark (Chair)	Nels (Chair)	Mike (Chair)
Jim	Murray	Kraig
Greg	Jim	Michael
Mike H	Ty	Barb

<u>Flood &amp; Drainage</u>	<u>Shoreline</u>
Kraig (Chair)	Nels
Michael	Michael
Scott	Kraig
Greg	
Nels	

*Skagit County Agricultural Advisory Board Members:  
Nels Lagerlund (Chair), Kraig Knutzen (Vice Chair), Murray Benjamin, Jim Carstens, Ty Clark,  
Barbara Cleave, Brian Duquaine, Scott Hanseth, Mike Hulbert, Michael Hughes, Greg Lee, District 3 Vacancy*

### **Farm Worker Housing**

Nels mentioned a farmworker housing work plan developed in 2009 by Skagit County. He said that the plan was not implemented. Nels also said that the Housing Authority of Skagit County has received a grant towards building a 16-unit apartment building in Burlington and could be built this year in the City of Burlington. The federal standard is 100 square feet per bedroom.

The Housing Authority Director, Melanie Corey, told Nels that she wants to hear from local farmers what the housing needs are. Steve suggested that a representative attend a board meeting to express their concern and support. The AAB discussed that they are interested in supporting the community effort to provide adequate farmworker housing in Skagit County. Barbara Cleave has mentioned her interest to attend the next Housing Authority board meeting to find out more information on the matter and report back to AAB.

### **District 3 Vacancy**

Two applicants submitted their letter of interest. It was a consensus from the AAB that both applicants were qualified. Linda will submit the applicant information and AAB recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners for final appointment.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 11, 2015 6 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm