



# Skagit County Planning Commission

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**Chair** Tim Raschko      **Vice Chair** Tammy Candler  
**Members** Vincent Henley, Amy Hughes, Jennifer Hutchison, Mark Knutzen, Kathy Mitchell, Martha Rose, Joe Woodmansee

## SKAGIT COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

**Board of County Commissioner Joint Session, Farmland Ordinance Deliberations**

**October 11, 2022**

**5:59 PM – 8:36 PM**

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*Please refer to transcript and video recording of Planning Commission meeting for in-depth information about these meeting minutes. Meeting materials, the full transcript, meeting agenda, and referenced video recording of this meeting can be viewed at the Planning Commission Schedule and Agenda page:*

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### **Summary of Meeting**

#### Roll Call

Chair Raschko began the meeting with a roll call.

Tim Raschko: Present

Kathy Mitchell: Present

Mark Knutzen: Present

Amy Hughes: Present

Joe Woodmansee: Present

Martha Rose: Present

Tammy Candler: Present

Vincent Henley: Present

Jennifer Hutchison: Present

#### Approval of Minutes (9/27/2022)

Chair Raschko introduced the minutes from the last meeting (9/27/2022) for approval. A motion to approve the September 27<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes was initiated by Commissioner Henley and was seconded by Commissioner Hutchison. During discussion Commissioner Mitchell identified a small error in the minutes which was fixed by staff. The minutes were approved unanimously.

#### Joint Session: Board of County Commissioners

Board of County Commissioners Chair Peter Browning opened the joint session at 6:02 p.m. with the Skagit County Planning Commission. The Planning Commissioners introduced themselves and provided their background to the County Commissioners. The County

Commissioners then each discussed their own priorities as County Commissioners and the Planning Commission was able to ask questions. The Board of County Commissioners and Planning Commission then discusses the new petitions added to the 2022 Planning Docket and the next steps for the agritourism study. Chair Browning then closed the joint meeting.

Deliberations: Farmland Ordinance

Chair Raschko opened deliberations on the proposal to prohibit offsite compensatory mitigation projects on agricultural lands in Skagit County. Commissioner Mitchell moved to accept the proposal as presented by staff. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hutchison. The Commissioners discussed the need for this prohibition to protect farmland in Skagit County from inappropriate conversion to other uses. The motion to accept the proposal as presented by staff was passed unanimously, 9-0-0-0.

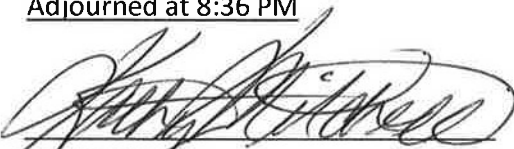
Director's Update

Director Hal Hart gave a brief update on the work the Department is doing with FEMA to improve resiliency in Skagit County. Staff are collecting the data necessary to create a tool to help people better understand the risk factors in Skagit and how to prepare themselves from future climate events. Director Hart then discussed the status of various housing and commercial projects in the County.

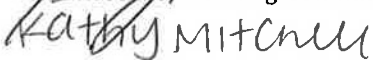
Planning Commission Comments/Announcements

Commissioner Candler announced that she would not be able to join at the next Planning Commission meeting on October 25<sup>th</sup>.

Adjourned at 8:36 PM



Tim Raschko, Planning Commission Chair



Hal Hart, Secretary



Date



Date