

BEFORE THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION

Applicant: Thayer and Betty Hughes
44303 Lower Finney Creek Road
Concrete, WA 98237

File No: C/U O/S F & A #05-2015

Request: To transfer 87.0 acres from Current Use Farm and Agriculture to Current Use Open Space Farm and Agricultural Conservation.

Location: Lower Finney Creek Road in Concrete described as the SE ¼ of Section 21, Township 35 North, Range 8 East, W.M. W.M., Skagit County, Washington;

Parcel Nos: P44111, P44112, P44113, P105583

Public Hearing: After receiving the report of the Assessor's Office, the Hearing Examiner conducted a public hearing on November 18, 2015. The Assessor's staff recommended approval.

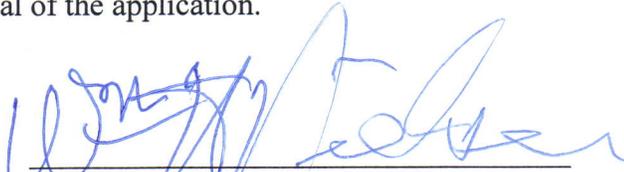
Recommendation: Approval

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The application was filed by Thayer and Betty Hughes.
2. The property consists of 87.0 acres described as the SE ¼ Section 21, Township 35 North, Range 8 East, W.M., Skagit County, Washington.
3. The property is currently classified as Current Use Farm and Agriculture. The request is for a transfer to Current Use Open Space Farm and Agricultural Conservation.
4. In the past the property the property has been used for raising beef cattle. The Hughes wish to maintain the property for future agricultural use but at this time, do not meet the income requirement for farm and agricultural current use.
5. According to the assessor's office this scenario is exactly what this type of classification is for.
6. The hearing was held after due notice. There was no public testimony and there were not written comments received.
7. The Examiner finds that the property meets the requirements of the classification sought.
8. The staff recommends approval. The Examiner concurs with staff.

RECOMMENDATION

The Examiner recommends approval of the application.



W. H. Nielsen, Hearing Examiner *pro tem*

Date: December 1, 2015

Copies transmitted to Applicant: December 1, 2015