

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, with Commissioner Peter Browning, and Commissioner Joe Burns present. Chair Ron Wesen's absence was excused.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Browning called the proceedings to order at 8:31 a.m.

II. AGENDA:

a) *8:30 a.m. Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Browning led the attendees in the salute to the flag.

b) *8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Public Works - Michael See, Director:

Public Works Director Mike See and Public Works Assistant Director Marie Lambert were present to introduce the agenda item.

1. **Public Hearing/Possible Action: To Consider Testimony Regarding the Proposed Re-Establishment of Lake Management District No. 4 (Clear Lake and Beaver Lake) (Canceled; this will be rescheduled for a later date.)**

2. Natural Resources Division Presentation

Natural Resources Division Manager Jenn Johnson provided a PowerPoint presentation about the Natural Resources Division team, which consists of five primary groups: Habitat; Surface Water and Drainage; Stormwater and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES); Noxious Weeds; and Water Resources. An overview of the five primary groups' duties was provided. Ms. Johnson also provided information about the future work of the Natural Resources Division, which included the following:

- Continue to monitor water quality throughout the county and identify areas of concern.
- Expand education and outreach efforts to reach more of the community.
- Update the priority watershed list and increase the presence of Skagit County's Natural Resources Stewardship Program in these priority watersheds.
- Continue to expand the Pollution Identification and Correction (PIC) Program to priority watersheds.
- Continue to control priority and classified noxious weeds throughout the county.
- Modify special assessments as needed to continue management of aquatic noxious weeds at the four Lake Management Districts.
- Support the Skagit County Marine Resources Committee and projects that benefit marine habitat.
- Seek grant funding to support removing priority salmon barriers under county roads.
- Utilize the county's Drainage Utility Fund to help address regional drainage concerns outside of the county right-of-way.
- Coordinate with other county departments to ensure all NPDES Phase II Stormwater Permit requirements are fulfilled.
- Work to preserve farmland and protect critical areas on designated land with the Farmland Legacy and Voluntary Stewardship programs.

Discussion ensued about the Drainage Utility Fund, flooding, water testing, cooperation between Public Works and Public Health, NPDES Phase II Stormwater permitting, special assessments, and Natural Resources Division funding.

3. Miscellaneous

No miscellaneous items were presented.

Commissioner Browning recessed the proceedings at 9:00 a.m.

c) *10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Board of Health Meeting

Record of the Proceedings for this meeting can be found at: www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/BoardOfHealth.

d) *11:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Board of County Commissioners:

Commissioner Browning reconvened the proceedings at 11:30 a.m.

1. Public Comment Period

Elke McCartney of Skagit County read a letter on behalf of a former Los Angeles County firefighter regarding the dangers of lithium battery storage facility fires.

Ingrid Hinton of Skagit County read a letter from Connie Krier regarding the dangers of fires at lithium battery storage facilities.

Rebecca Peck of Skagit County commented on public defenders' caseloads and various protests taking place against U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Larita Humble of Skagit County commented on whether a temporary bridge had been considered for North Shore Drive.

Link to letters read during Public Comment Period:

<https://www.skagitcounty.net/CountyCommissioners/Documents/AgendaPackets/02092026.zip>

2. County and Individual Success Stories

None provided.

3. Miscellaneous (announcements, letters, etc.)

The Commissioners commented on various past and upcoming meetings.

III. ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Browning adjourned the proceedings at 11:47 a.m.

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

ABSENT
Ron Wesen, Chair

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Peter Browning, Commissioner

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Joe Burns, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board