

# Skagit County Agriculture Advisory Board

Meeting Summary – December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Commissioners Hearing Room/MS Teams

## Members in Attendance

Michael Hughes      Terry Sapp      Steve Wright  
Cindy Kleinhuizen      Justin Hayton      Nels Lagerlund  
Don McMoran

## Proxy Designations

Terry Sapp for Kraig Knutzen

## Others in Attendance

Jack Moore, Director Skagit County Planning & Development Services (PDS)

Malia Agpawa, Skagit County Planning & Development Services (PDS)

Commissioner Peter Browning, Skagit County Commissioner's Office

## Call to Order, Introductions

Michael Hughes called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

## Approval of Meetings Summary

Nels Lagerlund moved to approve the meeting minutes from October, Justin Hayton seconded.

Justin Hayton moved to approve the meeting minutes from November, Cindy Kleinhuizen seconded.

## New Business

- Jack Moore provided a short summary of the commissioners Remand on Skagit County Agritourism code changes
  - Jack had some additional questions on the remand, including determining whether agritourism should be treated the same on either side of the pipeline.

- Another topic that needs clarification would be determining whether temporary use/events are sufficiently detailed in Skagit County Code for agritourism activities within Ag-NRL zoned lands.
- Nels Lagerlund had questions about the commissioners' remand
  - Is there a specific reason the county is being split by the pipeline for this remand?
  - Which agritourism businesses will this remand apply to?
- Terry Sapp expressed concern about splitting the county in two parts at the pipeline.
- Commissioner Browning gave a brief overview of what agritourism businesses will look like going forward.
- Commissioner Browning recommended that Matt Steinman fill the vacant position on the board for district 3.
- Michael Hughes has been nominated to serve as the chair of the AAB. Effective January 2025
- Kraig Knutzen has been nominated to serve as vice chair of the AAB. Effective January 2025

### Committee Reports

- a. **Economic Development-** Don McMoran (Chair), Murray Benjamin, John Morrison

Nothing at this time.

- b. **Critical Areas-** Nels Lagerlund (Chair), Murray Benjamin, John Morrison

Nothing at this time.

- c. **Land Use-** Terry Sapp (Chair), Cindy Kleinhuizen, Kraig Knutzen, Michael Trafton, & Don McMoran

Nothing at this time.

- d. **Flood, Drainage, and Irrigation-** Kraig Knutzen (Chair), Nels Lagerlund, & Steve Wright

Nothing at this time.

- e. **WSU Update-** Don McMoran

- New positions open
  - Grants Coordinator
  - 4H Coordinator
- February 21<sup>st</sup> there will be a potato workshop
- Dr. Carol Miles will not be continuing as director of WSU Northwest Rec.
  - She will, however, continue to stay on as a researcher for the facility

## Adjourn

Justin Hayton moved to adjourn; Cindy Kleinhuizen seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm.

Next meeting is January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 6:00pm.