



Board of Directors Meeting
January 6, 2025, 10:30-12:00pm
815 Cleveland Avenue, Mount Vernon 98273 and via Teams
Meeting Minutes Draft

Members Present: John Stein (Chair), Devin Smith, Alison Studley, Andrew Bearlin (virtual), Michael Kirshenbaum, Dan Kippervaser (virtual), Emmet Wild,
SWC Staff: Megan Corbiere, Aundrea McBride, Elle England
Guests: Mike LeMoine

Decisions underlined; attachment (#); ***action items bold**

Beginning Business

- Convened at 10:30am before the quorum was met
- Quorum met at 10:34 with the arrival of Devin
- Unanimous consent to approve the agenda.
- Consent Agenda approved – Suggestion we should include what items were approved via unanimous consent through email in the minutes
- Committee reports were provided in writing.

ED Report – 10:30

- ED report
 - Smith and Stark have been doing interviews with people to get their view on the Skagit Watershed Council. Half of the interviews are done. Smith and Stark should have a product for us before the next meeting.
 - DOE grant got turned in this morning. One question remains to be answered about how leveraged funds are documented. Aundrea and Alison are addressing.

Program Guide approval – 10:40

- Riparian Set Aside process language approved with notes for possible improvements.
- Climate Change Language approved.
- Riparian/Maintenance scoring criteria approved.
- TRC Technical Scoring process approved.

Devin moved that we accept the changes as discussed. Andrew seconded this motion. Emmett abstained as he would like to see more changes added to the riparian technical scoring criteria. None opposed and the motion was approved.

Approve Supported projects from Emily: 11:27

- Unanimous consent to add projects to the current 4YWP and writing letters of support (implementing Program Guide policy just approved).

Briefing on Skagit Science Committee recommendations regarding communications and time for Q&A: 11:28

- Mike LeMoine, chair of Skagit Science Committee, discussed recommendations about science communications from the Skagit Watershed Council as requested by the board, and opened it up for questions.

Comms Plan – 12:09

- Overview of the communications workshop held on December 17th, 2025
- Communication Objectives discussed

Adjourned at 12:20pm

Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday, January 27th at 10:30 AM