

Skagit Watershed Council – Fianl Notes
Special Meeting of the Board of Directors, via Zoom
February 15th, 2022, 2:00pm to 2:30pm

(Underline indicates decision point; ***Bold indicates action item**)

Attending: John Stein (Chair), Brendan Brokes, Bill Blake, Jon Vanderheyden, Devin Smith, Michael Kirshenbaum, Brian Lanouette, Mike See for Peter Browning, Andrew Bearlin, Aundrea McBride, Richard Brocksmith, Holli Watne, David Hawkins

Absent: Peter Browning

Call to Order 2:03pm

- Introductions, quorum achieved.
- Review of Draft Agenda – Addition of USIT topic by David Hawkins. Motion by Jon, second by Brendan, to approve the agenda as revised with point of order. Passed unanimously.
- Approved Board Notes for February 3rd, 2022. Motion by Devin, second by Michael, approved unanimously.

USIT Point of Order

- USIT supports the request by Skagit County to change the make up of the SWC Board of Directors. They think it should be a priority for discussion ahead of the Program Guide or changes to the Strategic Approach. John pointed out it has been and is being discussed.
- USIT also thinks USIT’s appointment to the SWC Board should not have to go through the approval process outline in the bylaws and instead their appointments should be automatic and immediate. There’s also a need for considering allowing alternates on the Board of Directors, as long as the turnover isn’t so great as to be disruptive. ***These topics will be action items on the next agenda.**

Old Business

- 2022 SWC Strategic Approach: From a technical perspective, changes only include expanding the eligibility of pocket estuaries from those in Skagit Bay to all pocket estuaries in Whidbey Basin. Jon moves this change to language and accompanying map be approved. Bill seconds, all approve.
- 2022 Lead Entity Program Guide including Request for Proposals (RFP):
 - USIT does not support approving the Program Guide as revised for 2022 because they have not finished reviewing it.
 - The RFP and Program Guide must go out to start the 2022 grant round. Motion by Bill to approve last year’s Program Guide with updated dates and references,

timeline, and the set aside amounts in the 2022 RFP as written (\$50,000 for monitoring, \$300,000 for riparian). Second by Devin. All approve. It will be noted in the RFP that all projects must meet RCO criteria in Manual 18. This includes new state riparian criteria.

Adjourn 2:30 pm