



**DISCLAIMER: This document contains the Whatcom County Council or Committee minutes, as approved. However, unless an attested signature page is attached, they are not the final approved minutes.**

---

1  
2 Roy asked if they follow up with job coaching in the community when people  
3 leave the training. Jager stated they don't, but the agencies the program works  
4 with do. The agencies work in partnership with the program. The program  
5 provides a job reference and work experience for the client's resume.  
6

7 Roy asked about the relationship with the appliance retail stores. Jager  
8 stated there is only one appliance retail store in Bellingham. It's on James Street.  
9 The market is wide open in comparison to other cities. They hope to help that  
10 business by promoting the notion of buying used.  
11

12 Roy stated high technology stores are taking back some of their used  
13 products. They are becoming a part of that recycle circle. Jager stated all  
14 appliance stores in town do take appliances back, but they recycle them. A lot of  
15 the appliances they pick up still work.  
16

17 Brenner asked why they are not working with a group like RESources. Jager  
18 stated they are working with RESources. They looked at moving into REStore's  
19 space. The program will retail its appliances at the REStore.  
20

21 Brenner asked if they are working with Sanitary Service Company (SSC) and  
22 other recyclers. Jager stated they are working with Z Recyclers because they  
23 already work with the appliance retailer.  
24

25 McShane asked if the program will use products that are still useable, and Z  
26 Recycling will pick up the rest. Jager stated that is correct. Also, they will  
27 experiment with what else can be used from appliance parts.  
28

29 Brenner stated it sounds like an excellent project, but is low on the list for  
30 the Economic Development Investment (EDI) Board. She asked the reason.  
31

32 Dewey Desler, Deputy Administrator, stated the EDI Board is becoming more  
33 discerning about the projects it wants to promote. There was no specific discussion  
34 on this project.  
35

36 McShane stated two individuals on the board felt that this shouldn't be on the  
37 list, via its ranking system. This was not ranked highly by the EDI Board last year,  
38 either.  
39

40 Jager stated there was no discussion by the EDI Board on the project. He is  
41 curious about why two members felt the project shouldn't be on the list.  
42

43 Nelson stated he looked at the economic impacts of each project. There is a  
44 limited number of dollars. This looks like a good business venture, but it must be  
45 considered in terms of its economic impacts. This project does not have a big  
46 economic impact to communities.  
47

**DISCLAIMER: This document contains the Whatcom County Council or Committee minutes, as approved. However, unless an attested signature page is attached, they are not the final approved minutes.**

---

1 Brenner stated it seems more jobs will be created and retained than what is  
2 stated on the application. Jager stated the application was conservative on the  
3 estimates. Those jobs created are inside his organization. It's hard to say how to  
4 retain jobs. The program will put 40 people through the training program per year.  
5 If half move on to unsubsidized employment, it may be considered a retained job.  
6

#### 7 Locals First Program

8

9 Michele Long, Sustainable Connections, stated this project is to strengthen  
10 the awareness of the benefits of choosing local businesses and farm products. The  
11 project has been successful since it started. The community provides great  
12 participation. They work on a small budget. The objectives this year are to keep  
13 high visibility and expand its work with the food and farming sector. They  
14 distribute marketing kits to the businesses. More than 400 businesses get kits to  
15 incorporate into their stores and advertising.  
16

17 The program works with many seasonal and holiday community events.  
18 They produce a farm map and are working on crop signage. They are doing a trade  
19 meeting with food producers and processors, food buyers and retailers, and  
20 restaurants. At that meeting, they will distribute the first Whatcom County  
21 Wholesale Guide to facilitate greater trade of fresh produce. The economy is more  
22 sustainable when there are many small businesses that can weather economic  
23 shifts.  
24

25 The geo-tourists want to visit Whatcom County. In this age of increasing  
26 homogenization, people with investment dollars are interested in moving to unique  
27 places. Locally owned businesses give more than two and a half times to local non-  
28 profit organizations.  
29

30 She's heard from many businesses that said they get two or three calls per  
31 week from customers who ask if the business is locally owned. Local produce is  
32 more popular than ever. Businesses are more often choosing local vendors.  
33 Businesses have relocated here because of the tremendous community support of  
34 local businesses.  
35

36 Brenner stated it sounds like this project helps retain and create jobs, but  
37 that is not listed in the project. Long stated her staff didn't put in the figures when  
38 they filled out the application while she was out of town. She will provide that  
39 information to the Council.  
40

41 Roy stated this form does not capture the information and actual impact to  
42 the economy. Keeping businesses here affects the economy. The application does  
43 not get at that question.  
44

45 Nelson stated he is concerned about the location. He's not sure it's a high  
46 priority for him, but it's more important than how the EDI Board ranked it. He

**DISCLAIMER: This document contains the Whatcom County Council or Committee minutes, as approved. However, unless an attested signature page is attached, they are not the final approved minutes.**

---

1 asked if there was discussion about the broad impact to the community versus  
2 Bellingham in particular.

3  
4 McShane stated the EDI Board didn't discuss the WA-CERT projects as much  
5 as the EDI brand and loan program. There was some non-positive comments  
6 regarding the Local First program, which may have been because of the competition  
7 for business service efforts between the Chamber of Commerce and the program.  
8 The businesses community feels there is some competition between the two  
9 groups. The Local First program has really taken off and become well known.  
10 There may be some resentment in the business community.

11  
12 Nelson stated the community concerns should be addressed some how. He'd  
13 rather see a coordinated effort in the community, not a divisive effort. He asked  
14 Ms. Long's organization to start coordinating with other agencies, including the  
15 chambers and EDI Board so they don't end up competing. Long stated her  
16 organization has coordinated with many groups that represent different agencies.  
17 They do their best to be open and collaborative. They don't ask people to choose  
18 their membership over other memberships. There is a need for different programs  
19 of different organizations.

20  
21 North Fork Community Resource Center

22  
23 Georgina Head, North Fork Community Resource Center Association  
24 President, stated they initiated the effort to get a resource center in the  
25 community. Keep this on the top of the WA-CERT priority list. They are close to  
26 funding. She submitted a handout (*on file*). The project recently received \$1.75  
27 million from the State. The County also granted EDI funds last week. The project  
28 has a pending federal EDI grant of \$750,000. In the fall, they will apply for a State  
29 Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development (CTED) community  
30 development block grant (CDBG). The organization qualifies for other grants also.

31  
32 David King, Stewert + King, stated he was hired to conduct a feasibility  
33 study. He is working on phase two of the study now. They recently concluded the  
34 site selection process and identified three priority sites. The County Executive's  
35 office is working on the appraisals so property acquisition can take place. Some  
36 things are put on hold until they decide on a site. When site selection is done, they  
37 will meet with service providers to refine the design plan for facilities, management,  
38 and operations and maintenance. All along, They have wanted to get input from  
39 the public. However, they must first decide where the location will be.

40  
41 Brenner stated these applications aren't giving her enough information. One  
42 main purpose of the facility is to train workers. That isn't shown in the application.

43  
44 Desler stated WA-CERT is an effort in which people say they want to be a  
45 part of the list, and the local legislative authority is asked to rank the projects on  
46 that list. People in the community can fill in their answers to the questions on the

**DISCLAIMER: This document contains the Whatcom County Council or Committee minutes, as approved. However, unless an attested signature page is attached, they are not the final approved minutes.**

---

1 website. The Executive's staff gets the information it presents to the Council from  
2 the website. The process isn't perfect, and County staff doesn't control it.

3  
4 Nelson stated the outcomes of this will be tremendous, but they are  
5 subjective. He looks at exactly how many people will be employed. Because some  
6 services will be contracted, there will be a limited number of employees produced  
7 directly, but the services provided will expand.

8  
9 Roy stated the original purpose of the WA-CERT was to help economically  
10 distressed areas that were affected by the reduced fishing and logging industries.  
11 The idea isn't just economic development. The idea is to give a boost to the areas  
12 of the community with economic struggles. That kind of support can be whatever it  
13 takes to get people back into the job stream.

#### 14 Perpetually Affordable Home Ownership

15  
16 Paul Schissler, Kulshan Community Land Trust, stated his organization has  
17 demonstrated that homes can be affordable at local wages. Affordable housing  
18 means spending one-third of one's income for housing, taxes, insurance, and  
19 maintenance. The median income in the county is about \$48,000 to \$50,000. Half  
20 the households have an income less than that. An income of \$50,000 is \$25 per  
21 hour at one job. Many people who work at not-for-profit agencies, local  
22 government, school districts, and private for-profit employers have an income of  
23 about \$32,000 or less. Almost all full-time classified staff at Western Washington  
24 University make about \$32,000 per year. The U.S. Census says over 10,000  
25 households spend more than 30 percent and over 5,000 spend more than 50  
26 percent. Housing prices are increasing every year.

27  
28  
29 There are ways to deal with the problem. By working together, they can  
30 make homes affordable. They will not affect low-wage trends, but they can make  
31 the cost of living affordable. If they solve that problem, then it doesn't matter that  
32 people have low wages because they will have quality of life. Help the community  
33 deal with the problem of making quality of life affordable. For every \$1 million they  
34 can find, they can leverage \$8 million. For every \$1 million they raise locally, they  
35 can raise another \$2 million from the State and federal government. So far, they  
36 have helped 29 homeowners who provide two-third of the home cost.

37  
38 Caskey-Schreiber asked if they are getting many applications and how they  
39 select people for the program. Schissler stated there are eligibility requirements.  
40 Once met, they help people on a first come, first served basis. The public money  
41 they use have some strings attached. The federal money has some strings  
42 attached in terms of income. The waiting list is growing, but it is not as long as  
43 demographics would show.

44  
45 Nelson stated he loves this organization. He asked where the greatest  
46 impacts are in the county. Schissler stated that of the 29 homes, all but three have  
47 been in City of Bellingham, mostly because money from the federal government

**DISCLAIMER: This document contains the Whatcom County Council or Committee minutes, as approved. However, unless an attested signature page is attached, they are not the final approved minutes.**

---

1 was for housing in the City of Bellingham. They would love to do more work in the  
2 county, but there isn't a pot of money like the City's money. People can afford to  
3 live close to their jobs, which eliminates the rush hour traffic problems.

4  
5 *(Clerk's Note: End of tape one, side A.)*  
6

7 Nelson asked if they would work more in the rural areas if there was a grant.  
8 Schissler stated they could. Make this a top three project on the WA-CERT list to  
9 be considered for the CDBG Community Investment Community Investment Fund.

10  
11 Nelson asked if Kulshan Community Land Trust has received that funding  
12 before. Schissler stated they have not.

### 13 14 Wireless Communication System

15  
16 Carole MacDonald, Mt. Baker Foothills Economic Development Association.  
17 handed out maps (*on file*) and stated the project is to install wireless  
18 communication through a public/private effort to serve the Mt. Baker corridor and  
19 east county area. The area is hindered by reception from geography and lack of  
20 interest by wireless providers, who assume that the population is lower than it is.  
21 Improved service is a comprehensive plan goal, meets land use requirements, and  
22 is supported by many agencies. The red area indicated on the map is where there  
23 is no service. There is a tower and service at the Mt. Baker Ski Area.

24  
25 The population is about 10,000 permanent residents who are affected by lack  
26 of service. There will be more homes and businesses in the area. One reason for  
27 the increased service includes the safety of school transportation system, road  
28 travelers, and sheriff deputies.

29  
30 For every dollar spent promoting and protecting tourism, there is an \$29  
31 return. Ten percent of the workforce is employed in the tourism business. State  
32 and local taxes generated \$838 million from tourism last year. At the height of  
33 tourist season, the Foothills area has more than 5,000 guests staying in rented  
34 facilities that do not have a land phone. Many people choose not to stay in an area  
35 without phone service.

36  
37 A Port of Bellingham's hired consultant presented a study to the Economic  
38 Development Council's wireless committee, which has a meeting set up with  
39 Verizon. Nextel has a plan for one tower on Sumas Mountain. They need four  
40 towers in the area.

41  
42 Nelson stated the application is obscure about how the project benefits the  
43 community. If there will be economic development for the region, there must be  
44 cell phone service for the tourists. Communication is essential in this day and age,  
45 particularly for those who work and travel at the same time. The lack of available  
46 communication is a big detriment for that region. This project has a big benefit.  
47 He asked if they have looked at other mechanisms for funding. He asked if this

**DISCLAIMER: This document contains the Whatcom County Council or Committee minutes, as approved. However, unless an attested signature page is attached, they are not the final approved minutes.**

---

1 project can be funded through the real estate excise tax (REET) or other funding  
2 mechanisms.

3  
4 Desler stated communication systems are a possible project for REET  
5 funding. There may be some other funding options.

6  
7 MacDonald stated they are hoping for a public/private partnership to  
8 complete the project. The wireless companies were surprised that people want the  
9 cell towers and about the number of people in the east county area. With Nextel  
10 now applying for a tower, the other companies may begin to take an interest in the  
11 area. They would like this to be a public/private project.

12  
13 Desler stated the EDI funds need to be owned by the public. This is not  
14 something to provide a grant to the private community. In this case, the County or  
15 Port could own the facility.

16  
17 McShane stated he's heard there is a problem with land lines out there. He  
18 asked how long it takes to get a land line repaired.

19  
20 Dan Gray, resident, stated he came upon a serious car accident, but could  
21 not call for service because of the lack of service. This service is not a luxury. It is  
22 a necessity for safety reasons. Also, he noticed that a telephone pole, which was  
23 knocked over when hit by a car a couple of days ago, is still not fixed.

24  
25 Fleetwood asked about the lack of facilities being based on the assumptions  
26 of the wireless providers.

27  
28 Carol Sharp, resident, stated a petition is coming forward.

29  
30  
31 RE Store Redevelopment

32  
33 Robyn du Pre', RESources Executive Director, stated the REStore is a salvage  
34 organization. It provides 21 jobs in Bellingham and nine jobs in Seattle. It has an  
35 annual revenue of \$753,933. She submitted information (*on file*).

36  
37 The location on Holly Street was originally to remediate the landfill on the  
38 site. The plan is to demolish the building, complete the remediation, and build two  
39 larger buildings as part of the Old Town redevelopment. REStore must find a new  
40 home. The store may not be able to locate in the City of Bellingham. It is  
41 challenging to find a central large site that is affordable in Whatcom County. They  
42 are looking at a variety of options, including a public/private partnership for a lease.  
43 The City or County could purchase land to allow them to build or renovate a site.

44  
45 The City of Bellingham is talking with RESources about redevelopment of the  
46 site they are on now. The City has stepped forward to do feasibility work. If it is  
47 possible, the REStore would be located on that site. The REStore brings in 70,000

**DISCLAIMER: This document contains the Whatcom County Council or Committee minutes, as approved. However, unless an attested signature page is attached, they are not the final approved minutes.**

---

1 shoppers per year into Old Town. This scenario will include an affordable housing  
2 component. The building they lease would include space for other small businesses  
3 and offices, with housing on the top floor.  
4

5 The REStore is beginning to develop new programs, so they need to hire  
6 more staff. The existing 21 jobs will expand to 40 in the next five years.  
7

8 They have begun to offer a deconstruction service. Folks will contract with  
9 them to take down their homes. That is a growing sector of the industry. They  
10 also have an electronics program that takes in and recycles used computers. She  
11 foresees growth of that program as well. They also want to do site-based  
12 environmental education. Give people the tools and education they need to act on  
13 behalf of the environment.  
14

#### 15 Small Business Roundtable Program

16

17 Tom Dorr, Western Washington University Small Business Center, presented  
18 handouts (*on file*) of the annual report. He gave background information on the  
19 roundtable program. The program is a peer-to-peer program for non-competing  
20 business owners to empower those business owners in areas where they might not  
21 have any expertise. Each roundtable has ten to 12 participants plus a facilitator.  
22 They meet monthly to deal with technical issues that affect the business. The  
23 program lost its funding for one year. The current grant funding ends in August.  
24 The WA-CERT request is to help with future funding of the program.  
25

26 There are six roundtables currently in different industries. About 75  
27 businesses participate monthly. It costs \$25 to \$150 per month to participate,  
28 depending on the particular roundtable, which covers the cost of facilitators. He  
29 hopes to use grants to cover management costs.  
30

#### 31 Whatcom Value-Added Dairy

32

33 Henry Bierlink, Agricultural Preservation Committee, presented handout (*on*  
34 *file*) and gave a history of the committee. The purpose has evolved to deal with  
35 economic development questions in addition to issues with water and land. There  
36 are high land and labor costs. They will have to be creative about how to do these  
37 things. Dairy is the primary area they want to work on because it is about 77  
38 percent of the farm economy in Whatcom County. They have been able to secure a  
39 value-added producer grant to look at a feasibility study for a dairy processing  
40 facility. He does not advocate for building a processing facility at this point. He will  
41 talk with the existing dairy facilities about partnering.  
42

43 The big picture of agriculture innovation is to become smarter about  
44 producing and marketing products. An agricultural innovation center will set up in  
45 Mt. Vernon. This issue is regional. Washington State University has invested \$8  
46 million and Skagit County is very involved. He would like Whatcom County to also  
47 be involved in some way.

**DISCLAIMER: This document contains the Whatcom County Council or Committee minutes, as approved. However, unless an attested signature page is attached, they are not the final approved minutes.**

---

1  
2 Caskey-Schreiber asked if the result of the feasibility study was that it is a  
3 viable option. Bierlink stated they are not done with the feasibility study yet. They  
4 are still looking at the viability of a processing facility. Because of the geographic  
5 location, this area has to fit into the larger distribution centers in Seattle, Portland,  
6 and Canada.

7  
8 Caskey-Schreiber asked if they are still considering organic products.  
9 Bierlink stated they are. Organic milk must be shipped to Portland for processing.

10  
11 Puget Sound Sustainability Center

12  
13 Dodd Snodgrass, Port of Bellingham, stated this project predates some of the  
14 waterfront redevelopment activity as part of the Georgia Pacific (GP) acquisition.  
15 The Port of Bellingham was one of three ports selected nationally for a federal  
16 program. The federal government identified ports that are doing model work in  
17 environmental restoration, community redevelopment, and economic development.  
18 Under this program, the Port is pursuing a number of projects. An early project  
19 idea was to create a sustainability center that would be a real estate project with  
20 market features including businesses tenants providing professional services and a  
21 waterfront revitalization institute. The Port completed the feasibility work. The  
22 facility would include a green building meeting Leadership in Energy and  
23 Environmental Design (LEED) standards. The project may also incorporate  
24 renewable energy applications. The Port and tenants will pick up a share of the  
25 cost. They are also looking for federal funds.

26  
27 McShane asked about the federal Port program. Snodgrass stated he can  
28 provide more information

29  
30 Bellingham Waterfront, Port of Bellingham

31  
32 John Carter, Port of Bellingham, handed out information (*on file*) and stated  
33 the Port and City of Bellingham are working to reclaim the waterfront. It acquired  
34 the GP property. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to redefine the waterfront  
35 area. The property is zoned heavy industrial. The Port will clean up the site and  
36 allow a change to mixed use development. The Port will transform the aeration  
37 lagoon into a large boat marina and transfer industrial site to a mixed use. The  
38 goal is to get public ownership of the site so public access will make the waterfront  
39 more accessible. The Port acquired the site in exchange for conducting  
40 environmental cleanups, which will be finalized by the Department of Ecology. The  
41 Port and GP purchased environmental insurance for unknown liability factors,  
42 regulatory changes, and third party liabilities as they come forward. GP will do  
43 demolition. The Port will lease the mill site back to GP for a number of years. The  
44 City will provide infrastructure, parks, and trails to the site. The Department of  
45 Ecology has committed to using Model Toxic Control Act funds, which is from  
46 petroleum products brought into Puget Sound for environmental cleanups. They

**DISCLAIMER: This document contains the Whatcom County Council or Committee minutes, as approved. However, unless an attested signature page is attached, they are not the final approved minutes.**

---

1 are also trying to get federal funding. The Port's commitment is to clean up the  
2 property to a level above industrial standards.  
3

4 Caskey-Schreiber asked about project cost. She asked if the Port would  
5 contribute tax revenues. Carter stated it would. The Port has obligated itself to  
6 pre-fund one half of cleanup cost, over three payments. The Port is paying \$20  
7 million into an insurance fund for those clean ups. The other half of the money will  
8 come from Department of Ecology. Money will be reimbursed to the Port through  
9 cash reserves and allocating part of its tax receipts.

10  
11 McShane stated he would like the Council to have a meeting with the Port on  
12 this project. There seems to be a lot of old views of where the Council is on this  
13 project.  
14

15 Caskey-Schreiber stated it would be nice to be more educated on the plan.  
16

17 Snodgrass stated this is not the typical WA-CERT project, but they conformed  
18 to the online questions. The numbers given were accurate at the time.  
19

20 *(Clerk's Note: End of tape one, side B.)*  
21

22 Industrial Land Development (Everson) and Water System & Mission Road  
23 Improvements  
24

25 Rollin Harper, Sehome Planning, stated both projects have to do with future  
26 industrial development in the Everson urban growth area and Everson industrial  
27 areas. Both are linked to critical infrastructure. The projects will also serve  
28 growth. Everson feels the Industrial Land Development project is the second  
29 priority of their two projects.  
30

31 The Industrial Land Development project is in eastern Everson on Highway 9.  
32 There are 80 acres the City designated for future industrial development. Many  
33 people are coming to Everson. They must have a place to work. The necessary  
34 infrastructure is a water line and an upgrade to the Everson sewage treatment  
35 plant, which also serves the city of Nooksack. In four to six years, they will have to  
36 seriously upgrade that treatment plant. The rate of growth in the area is  
37 increasing.  
38

39 McShane asked the specific location. Harper indicated the location near  
40 South Pass Road.  
41

42 Nelson stated the flood area is on the west side. Harper stated it floods on  
43 both, but flooding is worse is on the west side.  
44

45 Caskey-Schreiber asked if the upgrade to the treatment plant will address  
46 the manganese problem. She asked if they will have to limit the amount of building

**DISCLAIMER: This document contains the Whatcom County Council or Committee minutes, as approved. However, unless an attested signature page is attached, they are not the final approved minutes.**

---

1 if the problem goes on over time. Harper stated the manganese problem is related  
2 to the second project.

3  
4 The water system is the most pressing matter right now. If the City of  
5 Everson were not able to increase its storage capacity and make use of its deep  
6 well, there would have to be a development moratorium within two years. Many  
7 plats have come through in Everson in the last few years. They are not built yet.  
8 The City's plan is to build the additional water system capacity next year. The City  
9 will leverage the money it has to do that. Besides the water system storage and  
10 treatment, there are also road improvements to Mission Road. It's a very nice road  
11 on the upgraded part, but then it winds through a residential neighborhood. Within  
12 the last six months, they have found out that the old railroad right-of-way bypasses  
13 the residential area. The City wants to own that railroad right-of-way and put in  
14 the infrastructure. This is the top priority for the City.

15  
16 Desler stated page two of his memo includes the timeline for WA-CERT. He  
17 did not do a presentation on Lake Whatcom stormwater because the Council is  
18 aware of the issue.

19  
20 Fleetwood stated he would like to know precisely what the Public Works  
21 Department is contemplating for stormwater. What the Public Works Department  
22 proposes isn't clear. Also, he would like to see the WA-CERT expressed purpose  
23 and State authority. Desler stated the information is on the WA-CERT website.  
24 WA-CERT is in transition. The commitment to provide relief to the logging and  
25 fishing industries isn't as profound now as it was when WA-CERT began.

26  
27 WA-CERT wants to have a sense of the priorities for the general purpose of  
28 local government serving counties. This process will include a local project  
29 prioritization. Whether or not it has specific authorization from the legislature or  
30 Congress is in question. There will be some government administrative support.

31  
32 Caskey-Schreiber asked about some of these projects applying to the EDI  
33 program. She asked why similar projects make it to the EDI loan application  
34 process and other projects go through the WA-CERT process. Desler stated all  
35 projects considered in the EDI process should also go through the WA-CERT  
36 process, which is designed to be rather all-consuming. People apply on their own  
37 choice.

38  
39 Brenner stated she would rather look at the project's feasibility. Many  
40 believe that WA-CERT provides more money than what really exists. Desler stated  
41 the money doesn't come from WA-CERT. It comes from a number of federal and  
42 State agencies. He is very impressed with the support given to the Blaine and Birch  
43 Bay projects. If the County advocates certain programs to the federal and State  
44 legislators and government agencies, those agencies become interested in helping.

45  
46 Roy stated there are health and safety issues, community building issues,  
47 and many other project categories that would be on the top of her list. For

**DISCLAIMER:** This document contains the Whatcom County Council or Committee minutes, as approved. However, unless an attested signature page is attached, they are not the final approved minutes.

---

1 instance, the safety provided by the wireless communication project is very  
2 important to her, but it doesn't fit with the economic development purpose of this  
3 process. Several projects are like that. It will be frustrating to try and prioritize  
4 these projects. She will consider the importance of this ranking on each project.  
5 There are no bad projects on the list.

6  
7 Caskey-Schreiber stated the councilmembers will submit their ranking forms  
8 to the Executive's Office, then schedule a meeting for discussion.

9  
10  
11 **ADJOURN**

12  
13 The meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

14  
15  
16 \_\_\_\_\_  
17 Jill Nixon, Minutes Transcription

18  
19 The Council approved these minutes on June 21, 2005.

20  
21 ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

22  
23  
24  
25  
26 \_\_\_\_\_  
27 Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Laurie Caskey-Schreiber, Council Chair