1. **6:32 P.M. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Nelson called the February 18, 2015 meeting of the Thurston County Planning Commission to order at 6:32 p.m. Commissioners provided self-introductions.

**Attendance:** Chair Nelson, Commissioners, Christopher Earle, Donna Nickerson, Tim Kramer, Jennifer Davis, Bill Jackson, Christine Spaulding, Edward Fleisher

**Absent:** Chris Lane

**Staff:** Cynthia Wilson, Charissa Water, Katie Pruitt, Brad Murphy

2. **6:32 P.M. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Fleisher moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Jackson. Motion carried.

3. **6:32 P.M. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS** (Not associated with topics for which public hearings have been held.)

*No members of the audience chose to speak.*

The official audio is available on line at:

[http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/planning/planning_commission/planning_comm_minutes.html](http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/planning/planning_commission/planning_comm_minutes.html)

4. **6:32 P.M. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Commissioner Davis moved to approve the February 04, 2015 minutes and accept the audio as the official record. Commissioner Earle seconded. Motion carried as amended.**

Per the discussion, the minutes from March 5, 2014 will be corrected to include the vote count.

**Commissioner Jackson moved to approve the March 19, 2014 minutes as amended below and accept the audio as the official record. Commissioner Fleisher seconded. Motion carried as amended.**

Commissioner Nickerson was in attendance and not absent.
5. **6:40 P.M. STAFF UPDATES**

Ms. Wilson requested when speaking, please speak directly into the microphone and state your name.

Charissa Waters, Associate Planner, was introduced and will give a presentation on the Voluntary Stewardship Program tonight.

6. **6:41 P.M. ELECTIONS**

The nomination committee stated all Commissioners were polled and no one showed interest in replacing the incumbents. Both incumbents were willing to continue in their current roles. Commissioner Nelson asked for any other nominations for Chair or Vice Chair. There were none.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Fleisher moved to nominate Commissioner Nelson as Chair and Commissioner Davis as Vice-Chair for the remainder of 2015. Commissioner Kramer seconded. Motion carried.

7. **6:44 P.M. PRESENTATION: VOLUNTARY STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM**

*(Staff: Charissa Waters)*

A handout was passed out to the commission as background of the VSP. Ms. Waters provided an overview of the Voluntary Stewardship Program which the county will be working to establish in the next two years. The presentation will be posted on the website. The commission asked questions and had comments which Ms. Waters responded to.


*(Staff: Katie Pruitt)*

As background, Ms. Pruitt stated there are 11 items on the Official Development Code Docket which was established by the BoCC in December, 2014. Tonight’s work session will be on numbers A-1 and A-4. A staff report for both items was sent to the Commission to review prior to the work session.

**A-1: Amend the Thurston County Code Appeal Procedures to remove the Board of County Commissioners from the Quasi-judicial Review Process.** *All Development Codes.* 24 out of 39 counties direct appeals go to Superior Court instead of to County Council or Board of County Commissioners. This is the recommendation for Thurston County and is at the request of the Washington Counties Risk Pool and the prosecuting attorney’s office. The BoCC placed this item as the highest priority on the 2014-2015 Official Development Code Docket. As requested, Ms. Pruitt will email out the list of which counties are included in the 24 and also the history of how many appeals the BoCC has heard in the past. She will also, if time allows do a cost/time comparison to get a good sense of what the changes are going to be for the public.
A-4: Critical Areas Ordinance Revisions Title 24. (Wetland Ratings System) On January 1, 2015 Ecology’s new 2014 wetland rating system became effective and replaced the 2004 wetland rating system. As stated in the Critical Areas Ordinance Thurston County is required to use the most recent approved version of Ecology’s ratings system. This amendment will update our codes to match theirs. Katie will email out a confirmation that the on-line code version does not exhibit the columns like the attachment does (making the estuarine wetlands look like an issue.)

The Commission asked questions and had comments to which Ms. Pruitt responded.


10. **Commissioner Fleisher moved to set a Public Hearing on the Docket Item A-4 on March 18, 2015.** Commissioner Davis seconded. Motion carried.

8. **7:33 P.M. CALENDAR**

March 4, 2015 – Commissioner Earle will not be attending.
March 18, 2015 – All Commissioners will be in attendance.

9. **7:35 PM ADJOURN**

With there being no further business, Chair Nelson adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:35 p.m.

Scott Nelson, Chair

Prepared by Polly Stoker, Recording Secretary