1. **6:30 P.M. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Nelson called the March 04, 2015 meeting of the Thurston County Planning Commission to order at 6:30 p.m. Commissioners provided self-introductions.

**Attendance:** Chair Nelson, Commissioners, Chris Lane, Tim Kramer, Jennifer Davis, Christine Spaulding, Edward Fleisher

**Absent:** Christopher Earle, Donna Nickerson, Bill Jackson

**Staff:** Cynthia Wilson, Andrew Deffobis, Brad Murphy

2. **6:30 P.M. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Davis moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Spaulding, Motion carried.

3. **6:30 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 Spaulding moved to approve the March 5, 2014 minutes and accept the audio as the official record. Commissioner Davis seconded. Motion carried.

   Commissioner Davis moved to approve the February 18, 2015 minutes as amended below and accept the audio as the official record. Commissioner Fleisher seconded. Motion carried as amended.

   On page 3, line 15, Commissioner Fleisher made the motion, not Chair Nelson.

5. **6:33 P.M. STAFF UPDATES**

Ms. Wilson stated staff will continue to work on the locked doors situation for public meetings. She will also look into why the outside parking lot lights were not lit for the
last meeting and get this resolved.

6. **6:34 P.M. WORK SESSION: OPEN SPACE APPLICATIONS**
   (Staff: Andrew Deffobis)

Mr. Deffobis presented the eight open space applications. This is an incentive program for people to have their taxes lowered by keeping their land in an open space state. Their land is being valued at less than market value—for tax purposes only—based on the rating system for the priority resources found on their land (could be wildlife habitat, farmland, historic sites, etc.) Seven properties no longer meet the income requirements in the Assessor’s Open Space Agriculture program and are applying for reclassification in the Resources Stewardship program. The last property is directly applying for Open Space-Open Space through Resource Stewardship.

Mr. Deffobis will research the following questions and bring additional information to the March 18th meeting.

1. What is the income requirement for the Assessor’s program?
2. Could Elliott property be additionally rated as Urban Open Space to increase their potential tax reduction?
3. What criteria did the 3 parcels that are over 20 acres not meet in the Assessor’s program?

7. **Commissioner Spaulding moved to set a Public Hearing on the Eight Open Space Applications on April 1, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Davis seconded. Motion carried.**

8. **6:51 P.M. CALENDAR**

March 18, 2015 – Chris Lane may not be able to attend.

9. **6:52 PM ADJOURN**

With there being no further business, Chair Nelson adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:52 p.m.

Scott Nelson, Chair

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