

**THURSTON COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**McLane Building Conference Room
5033 Harrison Avenue
Olympia, WA 98502**

SEPTEMBER 26, 2013

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Pat Labine, Chair
Chery Sullivan
E.J. Zita
Robert McIntosh
Eric Johnson
Dave Nygard
Doug Wiseman
John Lentz

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Erik Hagan

STAFF: Lucas Patzek, WSU Thurston County Extension
Polly Stoker, WSU Thurston County Extension

GUESTS:

CALL TO ORDER – 7:05pm, Pat Labine, Chair

ADOPTION OF MINUTES – Minutes from April, July and August were approved.

REVIEW AGENDA –add Thurston Regional Planning Council request for supporting comments

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER BUSINESS –

DIRECTOR REPORT: n/a

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: At October’s meeting it will be decided when the November/December combo meeting will take place. Most likely the first Thursday in December.

Finalizing letter to BoCC on agricultural regulations in the Thurston County UGAs- Lucas Patzek

The letter was circulated via email and is approved as is with a couple of small grammatical edits. Pat will sign tonight and Lucas will deliver to the Commissioners.

By-Laws and Committee Membership discussion – Lucas Patzek

We had a very fruitful conversation concerning the operating rules and membership. We took a collective approach to developing our By-Laws within the guidelines provided by the original 1998 operating procedures

document, and we further discussed our ranking criteria for applicants to the Committee. The ranking form includes one criterion which only applies to non-farmer residents, thus the total points differ depending on if the applicant is a farmer or non-farmer resident. I think this is fine considering that farmers will not be competing with non-farmer residents for a space on the Committee. Both documents will be emailed out and finalized at the next meeting.

Thurston Regional Planning Council request for supporting comments from AG Committee – E.J. Zita
Zita was approached by the TRPC about the AG Committee providing a letter to the Commissioners supporting AG Preservation in the County. They have asked for this by the first week of October. Zita will email this to the committee to save time since it is such a quick deadline.

ADJOURN – 8:50pm, Pat Labine, Chair