BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
THURSTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

In Re the Matter of,                        PROJECT NO.  2004101892

Steve Lundin                              DECISION

THIS MATTER came before the Board of County Commissioners (Board) on July 17, 2006, as a result of an appeal by Steve Lundin of the hearing examiner’s decision dated April 27, 2006. Thurston County did not appeal the ruling of the hearing examiner.

The fundamental basis for the appeal was Mr. Lundin’s concern about the proposed size of the facility in a rural environment.

The Board reviewed the hearing examiner’s decision; the evidence presented to the hearing examiner and reviewed transcripts of the hearing. A majority of the Board [Commissioners Wolfe and Oberquell] moved to affirm the hearing examiner for the following reasons:

1) All requirements under the GMA and the Thurston County Zoning Ordinances have been met; and

2) The size regulations for athletic facilities in the county were not in place at the time of the application, which means that the applicants were vested under the old rules which did not impose limits; and

3) There is no substantial evidence to support a claim of adverse environmental impacts.

*Commissioner MacLeod abstained from voting due to his concerns about the special use application and whether or not it was properly vested under the rules relied upon by the Hearing Examiner.
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

   The hearing examiner's decision is affirmed.

Dated: July ___, 2006

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Thurston County, Washington

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board    ROBERT N. MACLEOD, Chair

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CATHY WOLFE, Vice-Chairman

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DIANE OBERQUELL, Commissioner