

**BOARD OF ISLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF MEETING  
JUNE 30, 2008 – SPECIAL SESSION**

Members of the Board of Island County Commissioners met on June 30, 2008 in Special Session beginning at 6:00 p.m. for the “Whidbey Family Farms Forum II, Partners for Economic Success – Farmers and Local Government” at Au Sable Institute of Environmental Studies in Coupeville. John Dean, Chairman and Phillip Bakke, Member attended.

The forum, facilitated by Whidbey Island Conservation District’s Karen Bishop and Maryon Attwood from the Northwest Agricultural Business Center, began with an update on work during the past year to promote agriculture on Whidbey, including research for a possible Whidbey meat processing facility, promotion of agri-tourism, development of a Whidbey agricultural product “brand,” water conservation, and public outreach. The audience also heard reports from farmer Linda Nuenzig from the Snohomish County Executive’s Office and agri-tourism farmer Mark Cravens regarding Snohomish County’s Agriculture Action Plan, designed to help remove obstacles and expand opportunities for local agriculture through farm regulation reform, economic development, outreach, education, and promotion of cultural heritage.

The forum concluded at 8 p.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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John Dean, Chairman

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Phillip Bakke, Member

Excused \_\_\_\_\_  
Wm. L. McDowell, Member

ATTEST:

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Elaine Marlow, Clerk of the Board