

Kitsap County Agriculture Advisory Council

Regular Meeting

Date: March 26th, 2026

Time: 5pm – 7pm

Location: Port Blakely Conference Room, 619 Division St, Port Orchard, WA

Members Present:

Angela Cordiano, Karissa Holcombe, Mira Rosenkotz, Scott Hall, Gary Winn, Dawn Oien, Christina Mayfield, Mickey Centeno

Members Absent: Tonya Hirtzel

Staff Present: Heather Cleveland, Department of Community Development (DCD)
Diane Fish, Kitsap Conservation District (KCD), Jess Sappington (WSU)

Public Present: Members of the public were present – Michael Bean (South Kitsap)

Call meeting to Order

Heather called the meeting to order.

Welcome and Introductions

Explained the start of this council and her role as DCD staff.

Went around the room to do initial introductions as part of the first meeting.

Public Comment (3 minutes/per person)

The Council received public comments.

- *Michael Bean (Phoenix Farm – South Kitsap): Comment on the Operations Document #2 – council mission and scope:*
 - *Question: on rural lands analysis and agriculture overlay, will there be a further working definition of what that is?*
 - *Community complaints section – believes that this point needs to be fleshed out more and how that interacts with other agencies in the county (ex: animal control, health dept.)*

Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Scott moved to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mickey and adopted.

Approval of Minutes N/A

Old Business

None – first meeting

New Business

Chair / Vice Chair

Chair Nominations:

Diane called to see if anyone would like to stand as chair for the council.

Councilmember Mickey Centeno moved to nominate Dawn Oien for Council Chair. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Angela Cordiano.

Councilmember Scott Hall moved to nominate Gary Winn for Council Chair. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Karissa Holcombe.

Nominations were closed, and the Council proceeded to vote by written ballot.

The ballots were tallied with the following results: Dawn Oien received five (5) votes, and Gary Winn received three (3) votes.

Dawn Oien was declared elected to the position of Council Chair.

Vice Chair

Chair Dawn Oien called for nominations for Vice Chair.

Councilmember Scott Hall moved to nominate Gary Winn for Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mickey Centeno.

There being no further nominations, the Chair called for a vote. Gary Winn was elected Vice Chair.

By-Laws

Jess led the group through the draft Bylaws. Additions were made in real time and the updated version for final review will be provided in the May meeting packet.

Operational Guidelines

Jess led the group through the draft Operational Guidelines. Additions were made in real time and the updated version for final review will be provided in the May meeting packet.

2026 Work Plan

Diane walked the group through a Work Plan activity going through each point outlined as priorities from the BOCC and resolution. *See Workplan Activity Notes for reference.* The group

attached priority indicators (Red-Highest, Green – Medium, Blue- Lowest, Yellow – not appropriate).

Rural Lands Analysis: Staff noted that the analysis will be brought to Council periodically throughout the year as work progresses. Data collection is planned for 2026, and the Department of Community Development (DCD) will present data to the Council for discussion and input.

Additional priorities were discussed, including:

- **Agricultural Code – Assembly Events:** The need for further clarification of assembly events within the Agricultural Code was identified, including alignment with definitions located elsewhere in the code.
- **Agricultural Code Review:** A general review of the current Agricultural Code was discussed, including potential additions and clarifications.
- **Critical Areas Review:** The Council discussed reviewing Critical Areas regulations with consideration for environmental protection as well as impacts on farmers and agricultural businesses.

2026 Meeting Schedule

All meetings are on the 4th Thursday of the odd month. *Except when moved for a holiday. Locations will be decided at a later time and built out into the schedule.

- Thursday, March 26, 2026
 - Kitsap County Administrative Building, Port Orchard
- Thursday, May 28, 2026
- Thursday, July 23, 2026
- Thursday, September 24, 2026
- *Thursday, November 19, 2026

Councilmember Gary Winn moved to approve the meeting schedule. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scott Hall. There being no discussion, the motion was adopted.

Recruit Youth Council Positions

Heather will share an email with council members to do outreach to youth who may be interested. It is anticipated that the council will go through the process of application review with the youth representatives being recommended to the BOCC for appointment prior to the May meeting.

BOCC Update – N/A

Staff Update – N/A

WA Legislative Update – N/A

Good of the Order

Councilmembers noted that this was the first meeting of the Council and that the Council has been operating under a good-faith understanding of the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

Adjourn Meeting

Chair Dawn Oien moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gary Winn. There being no discussion, the meeting was adjourned.