

Special Meeting Agenda/Minutes
Grays Harbor County/Pacific County/Wahkiakum County/
Cowlitz County Commissioners
December 21, 2004

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

At 9:30 a.m., Commissioner Raiter of Cowlitz County called to order the Special Joint Meeting of the County Commissioners of Grays Harbor, Pacific, Wahkiakum, and Cowlitz Counties for replacement of Representative Brian Hatfield's seat for the 19th Legislative District. Commissioner Raiter stated the purpose of the meeting and named Vickie Musgrove as the Clerk for the special meeting. Commissioners Rasmussen, Raiter and Lehning were present from Cowlitz County; Commissioners Beerbower, Morrisette, and Carter were present from Grays Harbor County; Commissioners Kaino, Cuffel, and Hamilton were present from Pacific County; and Commissioners Trott, Cothren, and Linquist were present from Wahkiakum County.

2. Election of Chairman

It was moved by Commissioner Kaino to elect Commissioner Raiter the Chair for this special meeting, motion seconded. Nominations were closed. The motion carried. Commissioner Raiter thanked everyone for traveling to Kelso for this selection.

3. Discussion on Process

Commissioner Raiter outlined a tentative process for this meeting. Asked for suggestions or alternatives. It was moved by Commissioner Linquist to accept the draft, motion seconded. The motion carried.

Candidates drew lots. Only two candidates were in attendance.

1. Dean Takko
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3. Desiree Dodson

The candidates left the room.

Commissioner Raiter presented proposed questions to be used during the interviews. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Commissioner Beerbower for the Chair to ask the questions. The motion carried.

4. Interviews of the Candidates

Commissioner Raiter outlined the format for each candidate. The candidates to be considered to fill the position were ratified by the 19th Legislative District. The nominees gave opening statements and were interviewed in the following order:

Dean Takko
Desiree Dodson

5. Executive Session

No motion was made for executive session. Commissioner Linquist moved to continue, second by Commissioner Kaino.

6. Nominations

Commissioner Raiter opened the floor for nominations. Commissioner Lehning nominated Dean Takko, seconded by Commissioner Kaino. Commissioner Carter nominated Desiree Dodson.

7. Vote

A roll call vote was taken: Commissioner Beerbower – Dean Takko; Commissioner Carter – Desiree Dodson; Commissioner Cothren – Dean Takko; Commissioner Cuffel – Dean Takko; Commissioner Hamilton – Dean Takko; Commissioner Kaino – Dean Takko; Commissioner Lehning – Dean Takko; Commissioner Linqvist – Dean Takko; Commissioner Morrisette – Dean Takko; Commissioner Raiter – Dean Takko; Commissioner Rasmussen – Dean Takko; and Commissioner Trott – Dean Takko. The vote was eleven to one to appoint Dean Takko to fill the 19th Legislative District Representative vacancy.

It was moved by Commissioner Kaino to adopt the resolution appointing Dean Takko to fill the vacant position of Representative for the 19th Legislative District, seconded by Commissioner Hamilton. The motion carried.

1. Special Joint Resolution (SJR) 04-001 appointing Dean Takko

The Chairman adjourned the meeting.

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Mark Linquist

Dan Cothren

George Trott