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Jed Holmes Wins Skagit Conservation Board Seat

There's a new face on the Skagit Conservation Board. Jed Holmes, a candidate supported by various county leaders including Sedro-Woolley Councilmember Germaine Kornegay, won the seat during special balloting on Tuesday, February 21st.

"Jed Holmes is exactly the type of candidate who should be running", Kornegay said, adding "Everyone who wants the fulfillment of helping neighborhoods, especially folks from under represented communities, should consider running for office."

While this position is nonpartisan, 39th District Chair Karl de Jong was instrumental in convincing Holmes to run.

"Most folks think politics is all about what happens in the other Washington", said de Jong. "That's not true. At its most basic level politics is about public service in our communities. Jed brings a strong background, a defined plan to improve and protect our environmental resources, and an incredible talent for bringing people together."

Holmes campaigned on a platform that included building regional consensus and adopting the best practices of conservation districts nationwide.

"We need more candidates like Jed", said de Jong. "The 39th District Democrats will consider backing anyone who demonstrates our values along with expertise and commitment to making life better for everyone in Skagit County. We're lucky to have Jed on the Conservation Board."

Kornegay agreed, saying "It's all about community service. Everyone should feel government is accessible, get involved, and make a difference any way they can. Join boards. Run for district seats. Show up at meetings. Let your voice be heard."

"I look forward to working with the other board members and staff of the Conservation District," Holmes said. "Our natural resources and agricultural heritage are perhaps the most valuable assets that our county has, and I want to make sure that they remain healthy for future generations."

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