



MEETING MINUTES

Land Bank Commission Meeting April 20, 2018 Grace Episcopal Church Lopez Island, WA

Commission Members in Attendance:

Jim Skoog, District 1, position 1	Doug Strandberg, at large, position 5
Amanda Wedow, District 3, position 3	Amanda Azous, at large, position 6
Brian Wiese, at large, position 4	Christa Campbell, at large, position 7

Commission Members Absent: Marlis Sandwith, District 2, position 2

Land Bank Staff in Attendance: Lincoln Bormann, Judy Cumming, Tim Clark, Doug McCutchen, Tanja Williamson

Land Bank Staff Absent: Charlie Behnke, Ruthie Dougherty, Eliza Habegger

County Council Liaison: Rick Hughes

Public in Attendance: More than 20 members of the public attended the meeting.

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<u>Call to Order</u> 8:05 am	The meeting was called to order by Chair, Brian Wiese.	
<u>Adoption of Minutes</u>	The March 16, 2018 minutes were reviewed. There were corrections.	Christa Campbell moved to accept the March 16, 2018, minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Amanda Azous. There was no further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

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<p><u>Chair and Commissioner's Reports</u> 8:45 am</p>	<p>Chair, Brian Wiese, did not have anything to report and asked other commissioners if they had any news to share.</p> <p>Lopez Preserve Steward, Tim Clark, announced the death of Stuart Oles. Tim noted that Stuart and Ilse Oles made the first donation of land to the Land Bank, gifting a sliver of beach and conservation easement along Watmough Bay in 1992.</p>	
<p><u>County Liaison</u> 8:16 am</p>	<p>County Council Liaison, Rick Hughes, reported the following:</p> <p>San Juan County officially accepted Lopez Island's Odlin South property into the County parks system. Hughes thanked Lincoln Bormann for his help in making the purchase a reality.</p> <p>Hughes, along with Councilman Jamie Stephens, will head to Olympia on May 1st to submit the official petition for the purchase of Lopez Hill from the Department of Natural Resources.</p> <p>Hughes continues to work on getting more trails on Orcas utilizing recently donated property along Orcas Road in the Schaeffer stretch area.</p> <p>The county's comprehensive plan is about one year away from being completed.</p>	
<p><u>Public Comment</u> 8:30 am</p>	<p>More than 20 members of the public attended the meeting. A variety of topics came up including fire safety, Lopez Channel Preserve, the dock removal at Fisherman Bay Preserve, thanking the commission for their volunteer service, and forestry concerns and preparedness. All were in agreement that Tim Clark has done an outstanding job as the Lopez Island</p>	<p>There was discussion regarding placing the dock at Fisherman Bay Preserve. Christa Campbell felt replacing the dock was not a priority compared to a project like Lopez Hill, which is a property that more people have access to.</p> <p>Amanda Wedow was under the impression that the dock wouldn't be of much use, but permits are still in place should the</p>

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<p><u>Director's Report continued</u></p>	<p>fee interest at this time to protect the property permanently. The County Council resolved to accept the deed and council members are meeting with the Department of Natural Resources on May 1st to complete the purchase.</p> <p>Potential Project – Lincoln alerted the Commission to a potential “bargain sale” of approximately 20 acres connected to Spencer Spit on Lopez Island. Lincoln is talking with State Parks as they would be the logical purchaser. It is steep terrain but very visible from the ferry. Lincoln thinks it’s a good site for trails.</p> <p>A question was posed regarding how acquisition funds are allocated per island. Lincoln said the goal is to fund projects for each residency district in the county according to the collection of Real Estate Excise Tax from sales in each district, and staff tries to follow that concept. While the Turtleback Mountain Preserve purchase skewed these numbers, the Commission still considers projects in all districts.</p>	<p>property will be purchased outright, likely closing in June.</p>
<p><u>Outreach Report</u> 9:58am</p>	<p>Tanja Williamson reported on upcoming events. The annual report is in its final stages and should go to production within the next two weeks.</p>	
<p><u>Stewardship Report</u> 10:02 am Lopez Island San Juan Island</p>	<p>Lopez Preserve Steward, Tim Clark, noted that Kwiáht is reviving their “Day at the Bay” event on May 13th. The organization will host a walk around Weeks Wetland and a talk at the Tombolo.</p> <p>San Juan Island Preserve Steward, Doug McCutchen reported the new trail at the Westside Scenic Preserve is almost complete, with a few bits and pieces left to finalize.</p>	

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<p><u>Stewardship Report</u> Continued San Juan Island</p>	<p>Doug recently spent time with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) entomologists and pathologists and toured Kellett Bluff Preserve.</p> <p>Doug provided some history on Mount Grant Preserve and the DRAFT management plan process. The Land Bank hosted a public meeting to discuss the DRAFT plan and approximately 40 people attended. Doug initially thought people would want more access than on other typical preserves, but after taking all the feedback into consideration, he found it refreshing to hear that, overall, people like the way the Land Bank typically manages its properties, and people are cautious about too much driving access. Doug submitted his recommendations to the Commission for feedback. Discussion followed. The Commission accepted Doug's recommendations and thanked him for his work in putting together a good management plan.</p>	<p>The Commission accepted Doug's recommendations and thanked him for his work in putting together a good management plan.</p> <p>The DRAFT Mount Grant Preserve Management Plan will be placed on the agenda for the May Land Bank Commission meeting for conceptual approval to be included in the next amended budget.</p>
<p><u>Agenda Building Items</u> 11:00 am</p>	<p>Coffelt Farm Preserve (possible executive session)</p> <p>Lawson Family Acknowledgement</p> <p>Payment in lieu of taxes</p> <p>Fisherman Bay Spit Dock</p>	
<p><u>Annual Retreat Topics</u></p>	<p>Fire management/Forest Management Practices</p>	
<p><u>Meeting Adjourned</u> 11:11 pm</p>	<p>Chair Brian Wiese adjourned the meeting.</p>	
<p>NEXT MEETING</p>	<p>The next LBC meeting will take place on May 25, 2018, in the Craft Room at the Mullis Community Senior Center on San Juan Island.</p>	