



MEETING MINUTES

Land Bank Commission Meeting August 17, 2018 Craft Room @ Mullis Community Senior Center San Juan Island, WA

Commission Members in Attendance:

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

Commission Members Absent: Sandi Friel, District 2, position 2

Land Bank Staff in Attendance: Lincoln Bormann, Judy Cumming, Eliza Habegger, Doug McCutchen, Tanja Williamson

Land Bank Staff Absent: Charlie Behnke, Eric Nelson, Kayla Seaforth, Amanda Wedow (on leave)

Public in Attendance: Six members of the public were present

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<u>Call to Order</u> 8:37 am	Chair, Brian Wiese, called the meeting to order. The agenda was amended and the following changes were made: Added financial review of the Mount Grant Preserve Stewardship Fund Deleted executive session Added the topic “Agenda Building Items” to all future meeting agendas	
<u>Adoption of Minutes</u>	The July 20, 2018 minutes were reviewed. There were corrections.	Amanda Azous moved to accept the July 20, 2018, minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Christa Campbell. There was no further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

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<p><u>Chair and Commissioner's Reports</u> 8:46 am</p>	<p>Brian commented on the explosive device found at Turtleback Mountain Preserve and asked if there were any updates. Director, Lincoln Bormann, noted that the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) is now offering a \$10K reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for leaving the device.</p> <p>Lincoln reported that the Orcas Preserve Steward position has been filled. The Land Bank received over 40 applications. The interview team whittled those down to seven finalists, and interviewed four candidates. Peter Guillozet accepted the job offer and will start mid-October.</p> <p>Lincoln also reported that two people have applied for the District 3 Commission position left vacant by Amanda Wedow; Colleen Bleifuss and Miles Becker.</p>	<p>Lincoln will follow up with sheriff's department regarding communication.</p> <p>Lincoln will set up interviews for the candidates with Jamie Stephens and Christa. He will attend as well.</p>
<p><u>Public Comment</u> 9:03 am</p>	<p>Colleen Bleifuss, introduced herself to the Commission.</p> <p>Coffelt Farm Stewards' (CFS) Board Chair, Betty Corbett, gave a monthly update. CFS raw milk is now available for purchase on Lopez, as well as San Juan and Orcas Islands. The farm's fresh eggs are in high demand. In order to keep up, CFS in looking into utilizing mobile chicken coops. The Board is working with Washington State University Extension to set up classes at the farm. New outreach efforts, such as updating the online newsletter, product fresh sheets, and an updated Instagram account have been very successful.</p> <p>Tracey Cottingham thanked the Commission for their work and shared her concern that the Lopez Fire Department had not heard about the explosive device on Turtleback</p>	

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<p><u>Directors Report continued</u></p> <p>San Juan Island</p>	<p>West Preserves. Though its extensive marsh is already protected by a conservation easement the upland area is unprotected. It features Douglas-fir forest, views over the marsh, and the potential for trail access from Friday Harbor. Lincoln has been in contact with potential conservation buyers.</p> <p>Cattlepoint Rd. (Woodbridge) Property – Background: The property is near the midpoint in the trail along Cattle Point Road between American Camp and Friday Harbor. Its forest and pond would create an attractive rest point for hikers. The owner is also working with SJPT on a conservation easement. Lincoln expects the property transaction to close this fall.</p>	<p>Lincoln will work toward closing the acquisition.</p>
<p>Lopez Island</p>	<p>Argyle Lots – Resale Waiting on the deed to be recorded and then funds will be issued to the Land Bank.</p> <p>Spencer Spit Addition – Background: This 20-acre shoreline property is north of the State Park with exceptional views across Lopez Sound. It is also highly visible to travelers on the ferry. This is a potential “bargain sale” with the owner donating proceeds to the Lopez Community Land Trust. Lincoln said State Parks is also interested in the property.</p>	<p>Lincoln will keep the Commission updated on progress.</p>
<p>Orcas Island</p>	<p>RR Bar Ranch Conservation Easement (CE) – Background: 125-acre farmland property in Center Valley along Fisherman Bay Road. The CE will eliminate 7 of 9 potential development units. The purchase price will be paid over a three-year period. The family has now agreed on the building envelopes.</p> <p>Mount Baker Farm CE – Background: This 80-acre mostly forested property is located on the outskirts of the Eastsound Urban Growth Area (UGA). The owners have developed the property as a private</p>	<p>Lincoln will work toward closing the acquisition.</p>

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<p><u>Directors Report continued</u> <u>Orcas Island</u></p>	<p>campground. Lincoln is working with the owners on a conservation easement (CE) to conserve 18-20 acres of open space that abuts Mount Baker Road.</p> <p>The CE is proving complicated, as the previous owner retains a deed of trust. Lincoln is still waiting to hear if the owner will subordinate the deed before moving forward with the CE.</p> <p>Mount Ben Preserve – Staff are attempting to find an appropriate parking area for the Preserve. The San Juan Island Commission members asked staff for a guided visit to the Preserve to look at parking area possibilities.</p>	<p>Lincoln will remain in communication with the owners.</p> <p>Staff and the San Juan Island Commission members will visit the Mount Ben Preserve.</p>
<p><u>Stewardship Reports</u> 10:50 am San Juan Island</p>	<p>Eliza Habegger reported that the US Fish & Wildlife Service is about to list the Island Marble Butterfly as an endangered species. She described what that process means for the County and the Land Bank.</p> <p>Westside Preserve – Lincoln reported on the memorial trees that were planted at the Westside Preserve.</p>	<p>Eliza will keep the Commission informed as the process continues.</p> <p>San Juan Island Commissioners will meet with Lincoln and representatives of the group that planted the trees to review guidelines and the agreement.</p>
<p><u>Agenda Building Items</u> 11:08</p>	<p>SJPT Turtleback Fund equity allocation</p>	
<p><u>Meeting Adjourned</u> 11:09 pm</p>	<p>Chair Brian Wiese adjourned the meeting.</p>	
<p>NEXT MEETING</p>	<p>The next LBC meeting will take place on September 21, 2018, in the Craft Room at the Mullis Community Senior Center on San Juan Island.</p>	