San Juan County Land Bank Commission
Annual Retreat 2018
At San Juan Island Grange
152 First Street North, Friday Harbor, WA.
Friday, October 12, 2018

8:30 am  Convene Regular Meeting – Approve September 21, 2018 Meeting Minutes

8:40  Chair’s Report

8:45  Public Comment

8:50  Financial Report

9:00  Director’s Report, Acquisition Projects – Lincoln Bormann
• San Juan Island
  o Argyle lots resale
  o Taylor
  o Gubelman trail easement
• Lopez
  o Ritchie (RR Bar) Conservation easement
  o Spencer Spit addition

9:15  Stewardship Report

9:25  Outreach Report (see written report)

9:30  Meeting Adjourned
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9:50 - 10:05  Summary of accomplishments and challenges (staff memo)

10:05 - 11:00  The Land Bank has leased agricultural properties to farmers for more than a decade. More recently, the decision was made to purchase Coffelt Farm and lease its operation to a non-profit entity. Both have yielded mixed success; San Juan properties were leased for conventional farming operations while the nature of agriculture in the islands has changed. While hopefully on a better footing currently and continuing to produce a variety of products, Coffelt Farm Stewards has had a tumultuous history.

- Should we be thinking about leasing San Juan properties for more diverse operations?
- Among the big questions at Coffelt is maintenance of its extensive infrastructure. Do we need a better strategy for dealing with this long term?

11:00 - noon  We have taken on a couple of projects which are qualitatively different from things we’ve done in the past, e.g., driving access within a Preserve, swimming/sailing. Also, as the push for dedicated bike paths along roads becomes stronger there will be more pressure to use this trail standard in Land Bank Preserves.

- How do we reconcile this change with the Land Bank’s mandate to provide “low intensity” recreational value?
- What is our strategy for dealing with the accompanying long term stewardship obligations?

12:00 - 1:15  Working lunch – Acquisition priorities. What does the future hold?

1:15 - 1:50  Overall Program status check – Five to six years prior to a potential renewal campaign what strategies should we be pursuing to maintain/improve public perception of the Land Bank?

1:50 - 2:00  Wrap-up – Review of action items

2:00  Adjourn