

**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
    - Argyle lots resale
    - Taylor
    - Gubelman trail easement
  - Lopez
    - Ritchie (RR Bar) Conservation easement
    - Spencer Spit addition
- 9:15            Stewardship Report
- 9:25            Outreach Report (see written report)
- 9:30            Meeting Adjourned

## **Convene Annual Retreat**

**9:40 - 9:50** Introduction: retreat goals – John Howell, facilitator

**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