



## MEETING MINUTES

### Conservation Land Bank Commission Meeting

**May 19, 2023**

**Hybrid Meeting**

**Craft Room @ Mullis Community Senior Center & Zoom**

**Commission Members in Attendance:**

Marilyn O'Connor, District 1, position 1

Sandi Friel, District 2, position 2

Peggy Bill, District 3, position 3

Brian Wiese, at large, position 4

Mike Pickett, at large, position 5

Amy Trainer, at large, position 6

Christa Campbell, at large, position 7

**Commission Members Absent:** None

**Land Bank Staff in Attendance:** Shauna Barrows, Charlie Behnke, Lincoln Bormann, Peter Guillozet, Erin Halcomb, Andrew Jansen, Doug McCutchen, Aaron Rock, Jacob Wagner, Amanda Wedow, Tanja Williamson

**Land Bank Staff Absent:** Eliza Habegger

**County Council Liaison:** Christine Minney

**Management Analyst:** Grant Carlton

**Public in Attendance:** 3 individuals over the course of the meeting.

Topic	Key Discussion Points & Agreements
<b>Call to Order</b> 8:34 am	Chair, Christa Campbell, called the meeting to order.
<b>Public Comment</b> 8:36 am	Judy Cumming stated she was excited about volunteering for the Land Bank's Farmer's Market booth.
<b>Adoption of Minutes</b> 8:37 am	The draft April 21, 2023, minutes were reviewed. There were no corrections. Minutes were approved.

<b>Chair and Commissioner's Report</b> 8:37 am	Marilyn attended the Communications Committee and also enjoyed a hike of a proposed trail on Cady Mountain Preserve with Doug McCutchen. Brian attended the Diamond Hill Preserve hike, hosted by Erin and Andrew. He observed many birds and wildflowers and looks forward to more events on preserves that are closed to the public. He also tabled at the Orcas Earth Day celebration with Peter. He volunteered to help with tabling at the summer Farmers' Markets. Marilyn noted she logged in to attend the Climate and Sustainability Zoom meeting but was never let in.
<b>Partner Update – San Juan Preservation Trust (SJPT)</b> 8:44 am	Conservation Director, Vickie Edwards, reported SJPT held their annual meeting the night before and noted many highlights included partner projects with the Land Bank. Their keynote speaker, Valerie Segrest, a member of the Muckleshoot Tribe, gave a presentation titled "The Gift of Native Foods." <a href="#">Click Here</a> to watch the presentation recording. And, SJPT just heard that the PSAR budget was fully funded by Governor Inslee, which means SJPT will receive full funding for the North Shore CE request. Vickie noted there is still some private fundraising needed (approximately \$400K). Lastly, philanthropy staff are visiting Beaverton Marsh Preserve where Doug will give them an update. Fundraising for Cady Mountain CE is fully underway and asked that everyone "spread the word!" Lastly, she commented on a remarkable experience attending a Qwlhó7el (Camas) Bake on Whidbey Island, hosted by the <a href="#">Coast Salish Youth Stewardship Corps</a> , the weekend prior.
<b>Council Liaison</b> 8:53 am	Christine Minney highlighted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upcoming dates for the County's annual <a href="#">Hazardous Waste Round-Up</a>: Households can drop off items from 10am – 2pm at the solid waste facilities on <b>San Juan (5/20)</b>, and <b>Lopez Islands (6/3)</b>. The San Juan Island event for businesses is today, May 19 from 1pm – 3pm.</li> <li>She attended a conference in Moses Lake.</li> </ul>
<b>Financial Update</b> 8:59 am	Aaron reported through April 2023 the Conservation Area Fund real estate excise tax revenue through April was \$1,109,808. \$230,000 payment 2/4 for Hauschka Cady Mountain was made in April as well and cash balance sits \$5,812,463. The Stewardship Fund Cash Balance sits at \$4,480,958 and the first loan payment from the CAF for the North Shore Property (\$1,037,500) is due June 1 <sup>st</sup> .
<b>Director's Report</b> 9:03 am  Strategic Plan Proposals	Lincoln gave a strategic plan update – two firms were interviewed. The interview committee unanimously chose <a href="#">Triangle Associates</a> . Asking the Commission today to move forward with negotiations for final scope. There was discussion. There was consensus to move forward with negotiations with suggestions, including an introductory meeting at the beginning of the process in order for consultants to meet the Commission. Staff members working with the consultants will be Grant Carlton, Peter Guillozet, and Lincoln Bormann. If any Commissioners would like to take part, let Lincoln know.
<b>Break</b> 9:32 am – 9:42 am	
<b>Stewardship Report</b> 9:42 am	Christa noted great report, as usual, and asked for clarification regarding "Falcon Cultural Resources." Doug noted they are a firm that conducts cultural resources assessments. Doug has worked with them previously and SJPT also employs them.

<p>Tribal Panel Follow Up Discussion</p>	<p>Brian asked for stewardship reports to be shared with the public. Tanja noted the items in the Stewardship Report do get pushed out via social media throughout the month. Sandi suggested calling out report in the monthly meeting invite. Marilyn liked that idea and thought a more engaging title would help as well.</p> <p>Lincoln asked for feedback from last month's panel discussion and next steps. He highlighted a couple items that stood out:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Point of contact for projects – Lincoln would serve in that roll with the tribes. Stewards would be involved if island specific projects are involved.</li> <li>2) Going to visit tribes at their headquarters – start planning now for fall visits. He suggested a commissioner and a couple staff should be invited to attend.</li> </ol> <p>Consensus was commissioners found the discussion very educational and important and look forward to more inclusivity and engagement with the tribes going forward. There was discussion regarding the Land Bank's ability to work with tribal members on specific projects which offers opportunities to collaborate. Christa noted that the panel highlighted working with the National Historical Park Services (NPS) on the American Camp Visitor's Center as a successful project. She suggested inviting someone who worked on the project to come to a meeting and explain why it was so successful and some of the challenges as well. Andrew Gobin and Sam Barr offered thanks and look forward to working with the Land Bank and are available for future assistance.</p> <p>Christa suggested a next step of forming a small working group to move forward. Lincoln will bring this up at the next Terrestrial Managers Group meeting and will report back in June meeting. Doug noted the Stewardship Network has also formed their own working group. Sandi reminded the commission of a donation to the Land Bank and SJPT to work specifically on tribal issues, via the Madrona Institute.</p>
<p><b>Outreach and Volunteer Report</b> 10:35 am</p>	<p>Tanja reported producing community outreach kits for information booths that can live on each island. They will be used at the farmers' markets and other community events. She highlighted upcoming events and volunteer work parties and noted the communications committee has been talking about messaging.</p>
<p><b>Future Agenda Items Discussion</b> 10:38 am</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2024 ballot placement</li> <li>• July meeting – integrating Land Bank and County budgeting process</li> <li>• Staffing</li> <li>• Traditionally important landscapes and flora and fauna, and access for tribes of the region within current and future preserves</li> <li>• The Land Bank's collective big dream/goal for the overall resiliency of the islands and the bioregion</li> <li>• Wetland mitigation</li> </ul>
<p><b>Second Public Comment</b> 10:39 am</p>	<p>None</p>

<b>Executive Session</b> 10:40 am – 11:26am	The Land Bank Commission met in executive session in accordance with RCW 42.30.110 (1)(b) to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price.
<b>Meeting Adjourned</b> 11:26 pm	Chair, Christa Campbell, commented nothing was decided in executive session and adjourned the meeting.
<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	The next LBC meeting is scheduled to take place June 16, 2023.