



MEETING MINUTES

Conservation Land Bank Commission Meeting

July 21, 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:

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

Land Bank Staff Absent: Charlie Behnke, Eliza Habegger, Erin Halcomb

County Council Liaison: Christine Minney

Public in Attendance: 5 individuals over the course of the meeting.

Topic	Key Discussion Points & Agreements
Call to Order 8:35 am	Chair, Christa Campbell, called the meeting to order.
Public Comment 8:36 am	None
Adoption of Minutes 8:37 am	The draft June 16, 2023, minutes were reviewed. There were no corrections. Minutes were approved.
Chair and Commissioner's Report 8:37 am	Marilyn highlighted a work party to Henry Island with staff and a LGBTQ+ Washington Conservation Corps (WCC) crew. Sandi highlighted tabling at the Orcas Farmers Market, along with Brian and Peter. She noted mostly unknown faces and lots of educating – good event! Christa said she and Lincoln met with Mike Thomas (County Manager), Christine Minney (County Council Member), and Grant Carlton

	(County Management Analyst) and they gave their full support for Council to place the Land Bank's renewal on the fall 2024 ballot. They also discussed budgeting and acquisition processes. Christa anticipates a draft acquisition process will come before the commission at the August meeting – overall a productive meeting.
Partner Update – San Juan Preservation Trust (SJPT) 8:42 am	<p>Conservation Director, Vickie Edwards, reported cross-organization progress coming along in drafting the Cady Mountain Conservation Easement (CE) but that still need approximately \$200K to secure a full match.</p> <p>Peter G. and Kathleen Lewis expect grant agreement from WA Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) soon and once signed, can start drafting the North Shore Property CE. Appraisal is underway.</p> <p>Vickie invited staff and commissioners to SJPT's August 5th Summer Social hosted at Island Rec's John O. Linde Community Park. The event will highlight the Beaverton Marsh Preserve partner project with the Land Bank.</p>
Council Liaison 8:48 am	<p>Christine Minney gave the following highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a new online portal to complete jury summons. • Council will host their last July meeting on Decatur Island. • County Fair is August 16-19 and theme is "Dancing with the Steers." Christine noted entrants can pre-register online and drop off entries the "day of." You can also buy tickets online this year.
Financial Update 8:51 am	Aaron Rock gave the Q2 finance presentation
Director's Report 9:01 am	<p>Lincoln said the strategic plan contract has been finalized. He reminded commissioners they still need to decide whether to accept RCO grant money for the Watmough Addition or resell to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Lincoln said he spoke to the RCO office. The commission has until the end of September to accept the grant. Lincoln noted the BLM will most likely remove the Chadwick House if they take ownership – something to factor in the decision making. There was discussion regarding grant requirements and other considerations and how to get the pulse of Lopez residents and tribes. The commission decided to hold a special meeting on Lopez, September 8, to discuss the Watmough Addition and will reach out to tribal members to host a site visit with them prior to September 8 meeting.</p> <p>Doug and Lincoln met with neighbors to Mount Grant Preserve to discuss the upcoming trailhead project and moving the lower gate.</p>
	ACTION ITEM: Lincoln will reach out to tribal members to schedule site visit to Watmough Addition prior to September 8 special meeting.
Executive Session 9:32 am – 10:11 am	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.

Executive Session continued	Chair, Christa Campbell, closed executive session and noted the Director asked commission for direction. The chair believes the commission would like to move forward and requested the Director bring back more information.
Break 10:12 am – 10:18 am	
Stewardship Report 10:20 am San Juan Island Lopez Island Orcas Island	<p>Doug and Shauna highlighted that one of the San Juan Island WCC crews was an “affinity” crew. Affinity crews are made up of LGBTQ+ individuals. This population has been traditionally underrepresented in conservation. They also spent time at Lopez Hill Preserve Addition collaborating with an American Hiking Society (AHS) Affinity crew, helping construct a trail.</p> <p>Amanda also highlighted the great work of the two conservation crews at Lopez Hill, and they completed the Land Bank portion of the trail. Now they’ll move on to the Lopez Community Land Trust (LCTL) portion. The AHS crew also helped complete the Spencer Spit Preserve trail. (Yesterday!)</p> <p>Peter reported trenching at North Shore Property was completed 30 minutes before the scheduled tour – great timing! And staff wrapped up Landscape Restoration project work at south Turtleback.</p>
Outreach and Volunteer Report 10:30 am	Tanja highlighted upcoming events: First Saturday Farmers Market, North Shore Tours, Guided Hike at Watmough Bay, The County Fair (Dancing with the Steers). Stewardship Reports are now posted to the website and the annual report will go to printer next week. The newest trail is now open! Pintail Trail at Beaverton Marsh Preserve on San Juan Island.
Second Public Comment 10:32 am	
Future Agenda Items Discussion 10:32 am	<p>August 18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission focused discussion on Watmough Addition • Draft acquisition process documents • Wildlife risk and climate resilience <p>September 8 – Special Meeting on Lopez Island</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss and get public input on Watmough Bay Addition <p>September 15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wetland mitigation • Budget process
Strategic Plan 10:49 am	Introduction and Presentation - Hilary Wilkinson, Kate Galambos, Triangle Associates, Inc.
Meeting Adjourned 1:30 pm	Chair, Christa Campbell adjourned the meeting.

NEXT MEETING	The next LBC meeting is scheduled to take place August 18, 2023, at the San Juan Island Grange. *NEW LOCATION! *
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