



## MEETING MINUTES

### Conservation Land Bank Commission Meeting

August 18, 2023

Hybrid Meeting

San Juan Island Grange

#### 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:**, Lincoln Bormann, Peter Guillozet, Eliza Habegger, Erin Halcomb, , Doug McCutchen, Aaron Rock, Amanda Wedow, Tanja Williamson

**Land Bank Staff Absent:** Charlie Behnke, Shauna Barrows, Andrew Jansen, Jacob Wagner,

**County Council Liaison:** Christine Minney

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

Topic	Key Discussion Points & Agreements
<b>Call to Order</b> 8:33 am	Chair, Christa Campbell, called the meeting to order.
<b>Public Comment</b> 8:33 am	None
<b>Adoption of Minutes</b> 8:34 am	The draft July 21, 2023, minutes were reviewed. There were corrections. Minutes were approved with corrections.
<b>Chair and Commissioner's Report</b> 8:34 am	Marilyn helped at the Land Bank booth and visited partners in the Green Village. She also attended the San Juan Preservation Trust (SJPT) Summer Social. Christa also attended the fair and sat at the Land Bank booth. Brian noted he and Mary Gropp tabled at the Orcas Saturday Farmers Market. Peggy tabled the Lopez Farmers

<b>Chair and Commissioner's Report continued</b>	Market and helped with a thistle pulling work party at Watmough Bay Preserve Addition.
<b>Partner Update – San Juan Preservation Trust (SJPT)</b> 8:38 am	Special Projects Director, Kathleen Foley Lewis, thanked Land Bank staff and commissioners for joining the SJPT Summer Social. Kathleen is currently working through details for the Conservation Easement (CE) for Cady Mountain Preserve and hopes to have it completed by end of year. She noted fundraising for the CE is going well, however still have a gap of \$183k to meet the match date end of October. Also, SJPT contributed \$50K towards the \$139K culvert replacement project at Turtleback Mountain Preserve.
<b>Council Liaison</b> 8:40 am	Christine Minney gave the following highlights: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council approved \$120K affordable housing award to OPAL Community Land Trust for their new cottages at Pea Patch Lane</li> <li>• Council awarded \$1.5M to Housing Lopez for the Lopez Village North Project; \$365,197 went to OPAL Community Land Trust for Kidder Way Project; \$250K to Lopez Community Land Trust (LCLT) for Fisherman Bay Curve</li> <li>• Christine encouraged everyone to attend the Fair</li> </ul>
<b>Financial Update</b> 8:45 am	Aaron Rock reviewed the 2024-2025 budgeting calendar and upcoming budgeting process with Commissioners. There was discussion.
<b>Director's Report</b> 8:55 am  Egg Lake Property Bequest – Thane and Linda Pratt  Acquisition Update  Strategic Plan Update	<p>Thane Pratt gave a presentation highlighting the Egg Lake Property Bequest.</p> <p>Lincoln reviewed the Land Bank Fee Title Acquisition &amp; CE Acquisition/Conveyance Process and Acquisition Decision Matrix documents with Commissioners. There was discussion.</p> <p>Christa gave a summary of the sub-committee's meeting with Triangle Associates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Went through an agenda that reviewed responsibility of the strategic plan sub-committee and Triangle Associates</li> <li>• Data review (eg: history of Land Bank; previous outreach efforts; review of strategic planning efforts by other organizations)</li> <li>• Christa noted that Triangle looked at other land banks in the country and neither of them have strategic plans in place at this time</li> </ul> <p>Talked about Engagement Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phase 1 - one on one interviews</li> <li>• Phase 2 - broader outreach (still working on what that looks like)</li> <li>• Christa noted need to narrow down the interviewee list</li> </ul>

	There was discussion around how the process will unfold. Tentative retreat dates were set for December 14 <sup>th</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>Break</b> 9:58 am – 10:05 am	
<b>Stewardship Report</b> 10:20 am	Peter summarized impacts of wetland mitigation projects and answered questions regarding the proposed Wetland Mitigation Policy. There was discussion.
Wetland Mitigation Policy – Discussion/Approval	There was a motion by Peggy Bill to accept the Wetland Mitigation Policy. Brian Wiese seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.
Watmough Bay Preserve Addition Statue	There is a special meeting scheduled for September 8, 10:15am to 12pm, at the Family Resource Center on Lopez Island to take public input regarding the disposition and management of the Watmough Addition to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). A summary of key points will be available for the public to review prior to the meeting. Lincoln will give a short presentation at the meeting and the remainder will be for public comments.
<b>Outreach and Volunteer Report</b> 11:10 am	Tanja was at the County Fair and unavailable for a report.
<b>Second Public Comment</b> 11:10 am	No public comment however Marilyn shared she attended the recent Climate and Sustainability meeting. One of the main points centered around forest health and fire concern. Marilyn was curious how the Land Bank shares its information regarding forest health management.
<b>Future Agenda Items Discussion</b> 11:15 am	Staffing – staff to report back at a future meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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> </ul>
<b>Meeting Adjourned</b> 11:15 am	Chair, Christa Campbell adjourned the meeting.
<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	The next LBC meeting is scheduled to take place September 15, 2023, at the San Juan Island Grange.