



## MEETING MINUTES

### Conservation Land Bank Commission Meeting

[December 15, 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: None

**Land Bank Staff in Attendance:** Lincoln Bormann, Shauna Barrows, Tyler Goodman, Peter Guillozet, Eliza Habegger, Erin Halcomb, Aaron Rock, Jacob Wagner, Amanda Wedow, Tanja Williamson

**Land Bank Staff Absent:** Charlie Behnke, Doug McCutchen

**County Council Liaison:** Christine Minney

**Public in Attendance:** 1 individual over the course of the meeting.

| Topic   | Key Discussion Points & Agreements  |
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| Call to Order                                   | Chair, Christa Campbell, called the meeting to order.   |
| Adoption of Minutes                             | The draft November 17, 2023, minutes were reviewed. There were no corrections. Minutes were approved.   |
| Public Comment<br>(0:01)                        | None  |
| Chair and<br>Commissioner's<br>Report<br>(0:16) | Christa asked the 2024 officer's nomination committee for their recommendations. Brian Wiese was nominated as Chair; Peggy Bill was nominated for Vice-chair. All nominees were voted in unanimously. |

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| Nomination of 2024 Officers and Elections                            |  |
| <b>Partner Update – San Juan Preservation Trust (SJPT)</b><br>(3:05) | <p>Conservation Director, Vickie Edwards, was unable to attend and sent the following update via email:</p> <p><b><u>Cady Mountain Preserve Addition Conservation Easement</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As mentioned at the previous meeting, the Preservation Trust successfully secured the funding to acquire the bargain-sale conservation easement. Thank you all who supported our outreach and fundraising efforts!</li> <li>We received Final Approval from our Board of Directors on December 11<sup>th</sup> to acquire the conservation easement for \$425,000, as per our Cooperative Agreement with the County. We have met the obligations of the Agreement.</li> <li>To allow for additional time to finalize all the legal documents and work through the County Council process, the Trust worked with Lincoln to extend the Cooperative Agreement and closing date of the project to <b>on or before February 29, 2024.</b></li> <li>It is critical to the Preservation Trust and to the success of the project to close before that deadline in 2024; otherwise, our funding for the project is in jeopardy.</li> <li>We look forward to working with Lincoln and his team, the Commission, and the Council County to finalize yet another successful, partnership conservation outcome for the islands and our communities.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Council Liaison</b><br>(6:43)                                     | <p>Christine Minney gave the following highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christine was happy to announce the 2024-2025 biennium budget was approved December 12, 2023.</li> <li>Council is defining their 2024 legislative priorities. This year the focus will be on housing, environment, and transportation, and has engaged a lobbyist to help advocate for the County in the legislature.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Director's Report</b><br>(11:50)                                  | Lincoln acknowledged the departure of commissioners Christa Campbell and Sandi Friel and thanked them for their amazing work and dedication to conservation and public lands.  |
| <b>Stewardship Report</b><br>(16:46)                                 | Christa commented another great report, and she really enjoyed the photographs. Sandi suggested switching the format to photos only, monthly. Brian would like captions to include volunteer names whenever possible.  |
| <b>Outreach/Volunteer Report</b><br>(18:23)                          | Tanja is working on the Q4 newsletter and will begin planning 2024 outreach. There was discussion on drop date for 2023 Annual Report.   |
| <b>Public Comment</b><br>(20:46)                                     | Kathy Morris phoned in. She thanked Sandi for helping to make public comment more accessible and wanted to be sure information from Peter Fisher and the Polis survey are also utilized for the strategic plan. Christa noted that both those items, Peter Fisher, and Polis survey information, were included in pre-retreat reading.   |
| <b>Meeting Adjourned</b><br>(25:50)                                  | Chair, Christa Campbell adjourned the meeting.   |
| <b>NEXT MEETING</b>  | The next LBC meeting is scheduled to take place January 19, 2023, at the San Juan Island Grange.   |