

AGENDA
San Juan County Conservation Land Bank Commission
Annual Retreat

Members of the public may participate in person at:
The Lopez Island Family Resource Center
23 Pear Tree Lane, Lopez Island WA 98261
join virtually by [CLICKING HERE](#)
or by phone @ (253)205-0468 Meeting ID: 864 2185 5108

January 8, 2024

10:30am Convene

10:30 General Public Comment Period

10:35 Chair and Commissioners Reports

- Election of Officers

10:40 Introductions and Retreat Goals – Brian and John Howell, facilitator

10:45 Summary of Accomplishments (Lincoln)

A summary of the work that was accomplished in the past year, and how that work relates to the goals and strategies in the Land Bank Strategic Plan.

Discussion Questions

- *Are there any important accomplishments missing from the summary?*
- *Do you feel like you're making good progress in achieving the goals and strategies outlined in the strategic plan?*

11:15 Reauthorization Discussion (Lincoln, Peggy, Anne Marie, and Marilyn)

This conversation will continue the reflection on the successful reauthorization initiative. There will be a review of voting data from the recent election, and a comparison with the data from the previous renewal initiative in 2011. There will be a summary of the outreach and program emphasis that led up to the renewal initiative as a starting point for further discussion about whether those activities are sustainable. Campaign leadership will join the Commission for this discussion.

Discussion Questions

- *Does the data analysis suggest anything about where the Land Banks work should be focused?*
- *Based on what you heard and experienced in the community discussion about reauthorization, are there implications for the work of the Land Bank moving forward?*
- *Are there issues that emerged from the renewal discussions in the community that the Land Bank should address or be concerned about?*

12:00 Working Lunch

12:30 Discussion about Land Bank Work Going Forward

A. Forecast for Anticipated Financial Resources – 55 min (Lincoln, Aaron and Marilyn)

A review of the current and future financial resources available to the Land Bank, including existing commitments for those resources. What should expectations be for matching funds from federal, state and other sources?

Discussion Questions

- *Though there is a 2025 budget it does not currently include any conservation projects. What are people seeing as clear priorities for the coming year?*

B. Acquisitions – 35 min (Lincoln, Doug, Amanda, and Peter)

With limited financial resources it is helpful to have a sense from the Commission about how/where the Land Bank should focus its acquisition activities in the coming year. The focus could be on types of land or targeting specific islands. Does what you heard during the renewal initiative influence your thinking?

Discussion Questions

- *In general terms, what should the Land Bank priorities be for acquiring lands/easements during the coming year? (This is not meant to be a parcel-specific conversation.) Where and what types of lands? Where are gaps that should be addressed, or needs that should be met?*

2:00 Break

2:05 Continued Discussion about the Work Going Forward

C. Stewardship – 40 min (Lincoln)

In the recent past there has been an emphasis on creating and improving public access to Land Bank properties. At the same time, ecological stewardship activities have taken on added importance. What are examples of important additional public access projects? What are examples of important ecological stewardship activities?

- *The land Bank will undoubtedly continue to provide stewardship activities that support public access and provide ecological stewardship, but in a time of more limited resources where should the organization prioritize its resources?*
- *What would it take to accomplish stewardship priorities, in terms of staff and financial capacity? Can use of volunteers add to our staff capacity in meaningful ways?*

D. Communications and Engagement – 40 min (Lincoln, Tanja)

During the renewal initiative there was a high level of activity regarding communication and community engagement. Is that level of activity sustainable going forward? If not, where should work be focused?

- *What should priorities be for communication activities?*
- *What should priorities be for community engagement?*
 - *Should the Land Bank consider creation of a “Friends of” group in the coming year?*
- *How will priorities advance strategic plan goals and strategies?*

3:25 Wrap-up – Review of action items

3:30 Adjourn