



**Jefferson County Conservation Futures Committee  
Special Meeting, October 10, 2016, 4:07 PM—8:28 PM  
Tri-Area Community Center  
Chimacum, WA  
FINAL MINUTES**

**\* Decisions and action items are indicated in bold font.**

**Members Present:** Phil Andrus, District 2; Mary Biskup, Interest—District 1; Scott Brinton, Interest – Agriculture; Lige Christian, District 3; JD Gallant – District 3; Jerry Gorsline, Citizen – District 2; Rob Harbour, Interest – Working Lands; Ray Hunter, Interest – Fallow Farms; Richard Jahnke, Interest – Coastal Areas; Craig Schrader, Interest – Climate Change; Lorna Smith, Chair, Interest – Ecotourism; Dave Wilkinson, Interest – District 1 (by phone)

**Members Absent:** Sarah Spaeth, Jefferson Land Trust

**County Staff Present:** Tami Pokorny, Environmental Health; Anna Bachmann, Environmental Health

**Guests:** None

I. Call to Order:

Rob Harbour called the meeting to order at 4:07 PM. Tami introduced Anna who has an interest in the work of the Committee.

II. Approval of Minutes:

**Ray Hunter moved to accept the draft minutes of the May 4, 2016 meeting as written; Lorna Smith seconded. The motion passed by consensus. The April 18, 2016 preliminary final minutes were approved as written.**

III. Review of Agenda:

**The agenda was approved by consensus.**

IV. Observer comments: None

V. Old Business: None

## VI. New Business

### *Results of 2016 Funding Round*

The Board of County Commissioners approved all of the 2016 projects at the Committee's recommended funding levels. The 2016 QWC project is anticipated to close first followed by Irondale then Tarboo and Moon Valley.

### *Subcommittee Recommendations for 2017 Cycle*

The subcommittee consisted of David, Mary, Rick and Rob. Rick reported that the subcommittee's strategy was to make the agriculture and silviculture questions more consistent and outcome-based. Mary Biskup joined the meeting. They worked to bring agriculture and silviculture into numerical par.

On the Score Sheet, the silviculture questions are now positioned after agriculture and habitat's (Question #9 rather than Question #12). Question #8 was not changed and neither was the first sub-question. The reference to a farm plan has been removed, however. Question #8b is more outcome based. For Questions #8c we ask, what will the management do for wildlife habitat? We feel that Question #8d is better covered in (the new) Question #12.

Question #9 refers to silviculture. The main question and Question #9a stay the same with a construction parallel to #8. In Question #9b, we got rid of the public/private program and, again, focus on desired outcomes. Question #9c wasn't parallel and is now more outcome-based for wildlife habitat, as in #8c.

The maximum available points in Questions #8 and #9 total to 36. In Question #7 the multiplier has been reduced to 3 from 4. All three categories of questions – habitat, agriculture and silviculture – are now basically consistent with a maximum of 36 points available for each.

No changes are suggested for the manual with the exception of updating dates and the map. The Application will be reworked to align with the Score Sheet.

Dave suggested that the word "active" should move to "active silviculture use" in Question #9a. The group recognized that projects with farming, silviculture as well as habitat are going to score the highest number of points.

They then discussed how violations of easements are discovered. Jefferson Land Trust monitors the conservation easements and the CFFC relies on their process except through the committee's requirements for annual monitoring. Discussion then turned to the value and level of detail of farm plans and the level of responsibility that exists for owners and leases to abide by easements. The value of degraded lands to the CF program was also considered.

### Approval 2017 Project Review and Funding Cycle 2017 Program Materials Modifications

**Lige Christian moved to recommend the proposed changes as adjusted in the meeting. Rick Jahnke seconded the motion. Dave Wilkinson may have been disconnected from the call, otherwise, the motion passed unanimously.**

**Lige Christian moved to cancel the November meeting. Ray Hunter seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

Staff was asked to publish the calendar meeting dates provided as regular meetings for the calendar year 2017 and also to publish the application notice in the Forks Forum (as well as The Leader and PDN).

Next Steps

VII. Other/ Administrative

Staff Update:

Fund Balance

Staff reported that the CFF balance at the end of September was \$582,931.76.

Membership

No changes are pending.

Outreach

Rick Jahnke was in touch with The Leader about writing a feature about the program but that the paper had recently changed hands.

VIII. Guest Observer Comments

None

IX. Adjournment

Chair Rob Harbour adjourned the meeting at 8:28 PM.

Draft minutes submitted by Tami Pokorny.

*Mary Bishop  
Chairman Conservation Futures-*

