



**Jefferson County Conservation Futures Committee
FINAL RATINGS MEETING MINUTES**

**JCPH Pacific Room
Port Townsend, WA**

April 29th, 2015, 4:06 PM to 5:05 PM

-JD
-Ray
-Lorna

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

Members Present: Phil Andrus, District 2; Mary Biskup, District 1; Scott Brinton – Agriculture; Lige Christian, District 3; JD Gallant – District 3; Richard Jahnke, Interest – Coastal Areas; Lorna Smith, Chair, Interest – Ecotourism; Jerry Gorsline, District 2; Rob Harbour, Interest – Working Lands; Craig Schrader, Interest – Climate Change

Members Absent: Ray Hunter, Interest – Fallow Farms; Sarah Spaeth, Interest - Jefferson Land Trust (excused)

County Staff Present: Tami Pokorny, Water Quality Division; Rebekah Brooks, recorder

I. Call to Order:

Chair Lorna Smith called the meeting to order at 4:06 PM.

II. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes' approval was moved to the end of the meeting so Tami Pokorny could print copies that were needed to supplement on-screen viewing.

III. Review of Agenda:

There were no amendments to the agenda.

IV. Observer comments:

None

V. Old Business:

None

VI. New Business

A. Ethic Questions and Responses (Article III of By-Laws)

Second Project: Lower Big Quilcene River Riparian Protection Project

JD Gallant moved that the Lower Big Quilcene River Riparian Protection Project was worthy of funding; Jerry Gorsline seconded. The committee voted all in favor with unanimous consent. Lige Christian moved to fully fund the project as per request amount; JD Gallant seconded. The committee voted all in favor with unanimous consent.

Third Project: 2015 QWC Addition Project

Jerry Gorsline moved that the Quimper Wildlife Corridor Addition Project was worthy of funding; Lige Christian seconded. The committee voted all in favor with unanimous consent. Rick Jahnke moved to fully fund the project as per request amount; Lige Christian seconded. The committee voted all in favor with unanimous consent.

Fourth Project: Midori Farm Project

Lige Christian moved that the Midori Farm Project was worthy of funding; Jerry Gorsline seconded. The committee voted all in favor with unanimous consent. Lige Christian moved to fully fund the project as per request amount; Jerry Gorsline seconded. The committee voted all in favor with unanimous consent.

Since there was no discussion on the projects, Tami Pokorny requested comments from the committee to send to the Board of Commissioners. Discussion followed on each project.

Bishop Dairy Preservation Project: Lige Christian said he felt the Bishop Farm was a jewel of a project with the agricultural elements and historic farmhouse; Rob Harbour was impressed by the match that was found for the project; Mary Biskup felt the project was good one because it was one of the more threatened and therefore one of the most vulnerable.

Midori Farm Project: Lige Christian saw value in the small farm because that is the future of farming in the area and it is one of the last chances to save these farms. Lorna Smith commented on the importance of the locally grown aspect and the model of good farming that Midori Farm is to the community. Rob Harbour discussed the bargain sale of the property and the huge commitment the owners were making by offering it.

Lower Big Quilcene River Riparian Protection Project: JD Gallant recognized the extreme importance of the project based on ecosystem values; it offers good habitat for wildlife of all kinds. Lige Christian pointed out that the project is also in the top tier of priority for the Hood Canal Coordination Council.

Fund balance: \$405,433.46; after funding all the projects in full, a residual will be left.

Membership: Rick Jahnke, Jerry Gorsline and JD Gallant will pursue reappointment. Tami Pokorny is also hoping to interview an interested party for membership to represent District #1. Discussion followed on the sequence of membership cycles.

Outreach: The committee thanked Lorna Smith for reaching out to the radio show *Nature Now*. Lorna also suggested contacting a reporter from *The Leader* to possibly join the committee on project field trips next year and write an article.

VIII. Observer Comments

None

IX. Adjournment

Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:05 PM.

Approved
R. Harbom
vice chair