



**Jefferson County Conservation Futures Committee
Special Meeting, Wednesday, April 17, 2017, 6:05 PM-9:05 PM
Jefferson County Public Health Pacific Room
Port Townsend, WA
FINAL MINUTES**

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

Members Present: Mary Biskup, Interest—Land Trusts (Chair); Scott Brinton – Agriculture; Rob Harbour, Interest – Working Lands; Ray Hunter, Interest – Fallow Farms; Craig Schrader, Interest – Climate Change; Lorna Smith, Interest – Ecotourism; Sarah Spaeth, Interest - Jefferson Land Trust; Dave Wilkinson, Interest – District 1 (Vice Chair); Phil Andrus, District 2; Lige Christian, District 3; JD Gallant – District 3;

Members Absent: Jerry Gorsline, District 2; Richard Jahnke, Interest – Coastal Areas;

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

Guests: Michelle Meyers, Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group; Peter Bahls, Northwest Watershed Institute

I. Call to Order: Chair Rob Harbour called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

II. Approval of Minutes:

Ray Hunter moved to accept the final minutes of the October 10th, 2016 meeting as written; Craig Schrader seconded. The motion passed by consensus. Additionally, the committee accepted the May 4, 2016 Preliminary Final Minutes (consent agenda) by consensus.

Rob Harbour informed the committee that Jerry Gorsline (District 2) will not renew his membership to the committee; Rob has been reappointed.

III. Review of Agenda:

Rob noted that the scheduling of for the ranking meeting on May 3rd needed to be added to the agenda and the agenda was approved by consensus.

IV. Observer comments: No comments

V. Old Business: No old business

VI. New Business

2016 Annual Reports – Tami distributed the 2016 annual reports that were originally submitted by Oct 30th 2016. No meeting has been held since the reports were received. Lorna Smith asked

Tami asked for input on the location of the ranking meeting; JCPH or at the Library. Phil Andrus has a conflict due to the radio membership drive on the same day and requested to move up the meeting time. **The committee agreed to change the time of the ranking meeting to 2 to 4 pm and hold the meeting at the JCPH.**

Election of New Officers

Chair - **At the last meeting Mary Biskup stated she should would be willing to serve as chair. Lige Christian nominated Mary, Craig Schrader 2nds;**
Vice chair – **Mary Biskup nominated Dave Wilkinson for vice chair; Lige Christian 2nd the nomination, both accepted by consensus.**

Upcoming meeting and dates/deadlines:

Deadline for additional questions – April 19th

Deadline for answers – April 24th

Deadlines for scores and completed Appearance of Fairness forms – May 1st

Score, Rank and Recommend Meeting – May 3rd 2-4 pm

2017 Project Presentations

Iqlitzin Farm Project [Request: \$110,000; Match: \$110,000; Total Cost: \$220,000]:

Peter Bahls of Northwest Watershed Institute presented the project which is made up of three parcels (total of 53 acres) located in the upper watershed of Tarboo Creek, a nationally important estuary and which is a part of the Tarboo Watershed Project.

The Tarboo Watershed Project effort has the goal of developing a protected corridor between the headwaters and Tarboo Bay. The property sits in the upper basin at the confluence of a number of tributaries to Tarboo Creek; the four zones contained in the property include farm, forest, stream and wetland habitat zones. The easement as a whole and each zone will have specific protections. The easement requires single ownership of the three parcels. The owner plans to donate half of the value of the conservation easement as match; JLT and Northwest Watershed Institute (NWI) will work in partnership for long-term stewardship. NWI has a long history of restoration projects on the property.

The committee raised questions about appraisal and future development issues. Peter referenced the landowner acknowledgement letter which commits to keeping all three parcels under one owner. Currently the property is 1:20 zoning. The largest contribution to the easement's value is the undeveloped parcel which would remain undeveloped. The second most valuable contribution, according to the appraiser, is keeping the three parcels together because it would be easier and more profitable to sell each of them individually.

Peter Bahls stated that the forested acreage will only be selectively cut and that the farm zone is the least restrictive zone in terms of development for future use. The owner is motivated to complete the project. This acquisition is consistent with the Conservation Plan, including its Tarboo-Dabob Subarea Plan, as well as the TNC-WFDW Ecoregional Assessment. As the property has been used for public performances and education, the project will most likely ensure that these values are retained into the future.

loading to Snow Creek. The property is identified in the Summer Chum Recovery Plan, JLT Plans, Nature Conservancy's Ecoregional Assessment, and other plans/priorities.

- VII. Other/ Administrative
Staff updates will be provided in the next meeting

- VIII. Observer Comments
No comments

- IX. Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Submitted by Anna Bachman and Tami Pokorny

Mary A. Bishop, Chair