



**Jefferson County Conservation Futures Committee  
SPECIAL MEETING  
JCPH Pacific Room  
Port Townsend, WA  
May 3, 2017, 2:00 PM to 3:28 PM  
FINAL MINUTES**

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

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

**Members Absent:** Jerry Gorsline, Interest – District 2; Sarah Spaeth, Interest - Jefferson Land Trust

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

I. Call to Order:

Chair Mary Biskup called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

II. Welcome and Introductions:

There were no guest observers present.

III. Approval of Minutes:

**The minutes from the April 17, 2017 meeting were preliminarily approved. The minutes from the October 10, 2016 meeting were accepted.**

IV. Review of Agenda:

**There were no changes to the agenda.**

V. Observer comments:

None

VI. Old Business:

The Committee noted that there was sufficient funding to fully fund the remaining three projects. **Scott Brinton moved that the three top ranked projects: Iglitzin Farm, Serendipity Farm and Snow Creek Uncas Preserve Taylor, were worthy of being fully funded; Lorna Smith seconded. Ray Hunter disagreed on fully funding the Iglitzin Farm project; discussion was opened. Lige Christian called the question. The motion passed with all in favor, with the exception of Ray Hunter voting in favor of funding the top three ranked projects, but in opposition to fully funding Iglitzin Farm.**

#### Iglitzin Farm

**Phil Andrus moved that Iglitzin Farm be declared worthy of funding; Lorna Smith seconded. The Committee voted with all in favor; Ray Hunter agreed to fund the project, but remained in opposition to fully funding it.**

#### Serendipity Farm

**Phil Andrus moved that Serendipity Farm be declared worthy of funding at the level requested; Rob Harbour seconded. The Committee voted all in favor.**

#### Snow Creek Uncas Preserve Taylor

**Lige Christian moved that Snow Creek Uncas Preserve Taylor be declared worthy of funding at the level requested; Ray Hunter seconded. The Committee voted all in favor.**

The Committee then commented on each project.

**Iglitzin Farm:** Lige Christian commented that the project met almost all of the criteria, had excellent conservation and restoration projects, significant historical value and was part of a longstanding corridor.

**Snow Creek Uncas Preserve Taylor:** Lorna Smith said that all three projects ranked very highly on fulfilling other related projects in the community, which increases the value of the acquisitions and is invaluable for helping to preserve salmon runs. Ray Hunter was a strong proponent of the project because he grew up fishing on Snow Creek and because of its wild steelhead run.

**Serendipity Farm:** Rob Harbour called the project one of the top two projects for him since he has been part of the Committee; it protects its land and also the farms (including Midori Farm) around it. Lige Christian added that the owner has been involved in restoration projects for a long time. The Committee agreed that the long term value of the project was very important.

**Lower Duckabush River Estuary Open Space Project:** Dave Wilkinson led discussion in support of the overall project in order to encourage other related projects that would rank well with the Jefferson County Conservation Futures Committee. The Committee appreciated the great potential for future projects that are tied to the larger area. Lorna

Membership: A District 2 seat is open, vacated by Jerry Gorsline; advertising for the seat will go out soon. No one's term is expiring in 2017.

Outreach: Lorna Smith suggested working on an organized outreach idea to inform more people on what the Committee is doing. The Committee agreed and decided to work the topic into the subcommittee meeting on monitoring. JD Gallant commented that the Committee website needs updating. Tami Pokorny reported that the County is updating their entire website and she will be able to manage her own site for the first time.

IX. Observer Comments

None

Tami Pokorny will be working with Chair Mary Biskup to write a letter to the Board of Commissioners, summarizing recommendations on all the projects.

X. Adjournment

Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:28 PM.

*Mary Biskup, Chair.*