



**Jefferson County Conservation Futures Committee  
Special Meeting, Wednesday, April 18, 2016, 6:05 PM—8:28 PM  
Jefferson County Library Humphrey Room  
Port Hadlock, WA  
FINAL MINUTES**

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

**Members Present:** Mary Biskup, Interest—District 1; Scott Brinton – Agriculture; 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; Sarah Spaeth, Interest - Jefferson Land Trust; Dave Wilkinson, Interest – District 1

**Members Absent:** Phil Andrus, District 2; Lige Christian, District 3; JD Gallant – District 3; Jerry Gorsline, District 2

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

**Guests:** Douglas Huber, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

I. Call to Order:

Chair Lorna Smith called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM. The committee welcomed visitor Douglas Huber.

II. Approval of Minutes:

**Rob Harbour moved to accept the final minutes of the December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 meeting as written; Rick Jahnke seconded. The motion passed by consensus.**

III. Review of Agenda:

**The agenda was approved by consensus.**

IV. Observer comments: Guest observer Douglas Huber has been working on Irondale Beach County Park and was there to hear more about the project.

V. Old Business:

Available funds were discussed; Tami Pokorny announced that timber tax revenue and under-budget projects brought in more funding than expected. As of the end of March,

the committee had an ending balance of \$536,650.57. The amount of funding available to this funding round is well in excess of the requests, about \$224,000 [the actual amount is \$228,000].

#### VI. New Business

##### Election of New Officers

**Rick Jahnke moved to elect Vice Chair Rob Harbour as the new Chair; Scott Brinton seconded. Rob accepted and the motion passed by unanimous consent. Scott Brinton moved to elect Mary Biskup as Vice Chair; Rick Jahnke seconded. Mary accepted and the motion passed by unanimous consent.**

##### Review of Scoring and Ranking Timeline and Protocol

**Tami Pokorny reviewed the schedule. Questions and comments to project sponsors need to be submitted to Tami within the next two days, scores are due to Tami by May 2, 2016 and may be submitted any way that is convenient. The Ranking Meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2016 at the JCPH Pacific Room in Port Townsend.**

#### 2016 Project Presentations

##### Tarboo Creek, Farm and Forest Project:

Peter... gave a presentation on the project, which is located in the Tarboo Watershed in the north end of the Hood Canal. It is part of the Tarboo Watershed Program that Northwest Watershed Institute (NWI) has been working on for about 15 years. The project would protect 33 acres through an easement with Jefferson Land Trust: 13 acres of farm zone, 13 acres of forest, 6 acres of stream habitat and a one acre residential zone. The easement would prevent subdivision, keep the farm zone for farming only, allow for selective forest management in the forest zone and restore and protect the stream zone. The total project cost is \$224,100, with a request from Jefferson County Conservation Futures of \$97,100. Match is being provided by the landowner and other grants. Long term stewardship is met by the partnership through the Land Trust and NWI. The property is high priority as the landowner is ready to retire; it is part of several adopted protection plans and a wildlife corridor; it has cultural significance through the historical farmland; and it provides critical habitat for multiple species, including coho spawning, steelhead, chum, cutthroat trout and Chinook.

##### Irondale Beach County Park:

In the absence of the scheduled presenter, Douglas Huber (Parks and Recreation Advisory Board) gave a presentation on this project. Several parcels are being used as match for the project, including a parcel that was part of the original Park reserve, so the project will bring in an excellent addition to the Park. The project includes removal of invasive species and planting native plants, protection of cultural and geological

features, continued monitoring of contaminated Spring Creek, and construction of an education trail with interpretive signs. Work is being done under a strict cultural management plan to protect the historical mill site. Fecal coliform contamination of Spring Creek has been found but not yet traced to the source; the committee asked for more information on what was found and where. The protection of valuable cultural and geological resources, acquisition of several additional parcels, and partnership with the Jefferson Land Trust make this a high priority project [\$22,000 requested].

**Big Quilcene River – Moon Valley Reach Project:**

Tami Pokorny gave a presentation on this project, which would work toward protection of two parcels: the Whittaker property (22 acres) and the Baclawski property (107 acres), with a sizeable piece of floodplain. There is also an historical blacksmith shop and homestead on the Whittaker property. The ultimate goal of the project is for land acquisition and restoration of a reach that used to be highly productive. Although the total project cost is \$633,637, the funding will have to come from multiple sources; the request amount from Conservation Futures is for \$5000 to demonstrate local support and open the door to vet the project with commissioners. The project is a high priority because of the unique opportunity with both landowners coming forward at the same time with large parcels; it has critical habitat for listed stocks, threatened and sensitive species, and summer chum recovery; it is part of multiple adopted plans for open space, conservation and resource preservation; and it provides broad community benefit through educational and interpretive opportunities and the preservation of forestland and cultural resources.

**2016 Quimper Wildlife Addition Project:**

Sarah Spaeth presented on this project, which is adjacent to protected properties and priorities and is part of Cappy's Woods and Trails, highly valued local trail access in the community. Over the years, the Land Trust and the City of Port Townsend have worked with Jefferson County, the Conservation Futures Committee and other funding sources to build up the corridor. Now the Land Trust has adopted a resolution with the City to buffer the main trail corridors. The request is for \$37,000 from Conservation Futures, with land to contribute as significant match. The area is identified in adopted preservation plans, including the City of Port Townsend Comprehensive Plan for Stormwater, Flood Plain and Urban Habitat Protection and Critical Areas Ordinances for Wetland Protection. Stretching about three and a half miles, it is part of the largest swath of forest in the City of Port Townsend and provides valuable wildlife habitat for endangered, threatened and sensitive species as a mature forest corridor. The corridor also makes up the largest drainage basin for the City of Port Townsend. Willing landowners, great recreational opportunities, broad community public benefit and support, and diverse wildlife habitat make this a high priority acquisition.

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**VII. Other/ Administrative**

**Staff Update: Membership, Projects, Outreach:**

**Rob Harbour's term expires in March of next year, so he needs to reapply for his position on the committee.**

VIII. Observer Comments

Douglas Huber appreciated the opportunity to speak to the Committee and hopes to attend future meetings.

IX. Adjournment

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

Approved 10/10/2016

R. Harbour  
Chair