



**Jefferson County Conservation Futures Committee
SPECIAL MEETING FINAL MINUTES
JCPH Pacific Room
Port Townsend, WA
May 4, 2016, 3:28 PM to 4:41 PM**

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

Members Present: Mary Biskup, Vice Chair, Interest—District 1; Rob Harbour, Chair, Interest – Working Lands; Ray Hunter, Interest – Fallow Farms; Richard Jahnke, Interest – Coastal Areas; Craig Schrader, Interest – Climate Change; Lorna Smith, Interest – Ecotourism; Dave Wilkinson, Interest – District 1

Members Absent: Phil Andrus, Interest – District 2; Scott Brinton, Interest – Agriculture; Lige Christian, Interest – District 3; JD Gallant, Interest – District 3; 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 Rob Harbour called the meeting to order at 3:28 PM. Lorna Smith called in to the meeting.

II. Welcome and Introductions:

The Committee welcomed guest observer Douglas Huber.

III. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the April 18, 2016 Meeting were preliminarily approved with a correction from Mary Biskup. The minutes from the December 1, 2015 were accepted without objection.

IV. Review of Agenda:

The Chair added an item to address a subcommittee meeting on funding criteria that were included in "Revision of Program Materials for 2017."

V. Observer comments:

Douglas Huber commented that he was there to observe and learn.

VI. Old Business:

None

VII. New Business

A. Review of Appearance of Fairness Forms

Lorna Smith sent in a photo of her forms for the purpose of the meeting and will send her actual forms in. Everyone else had already submitted their forms.

No one voiced any objection or raised any fairness issues.

B. Review Project Selection Protocol

Each project must receive at least a 70% score, then all projects must be reviewed. If there is additional reason to consider a low-scoring project, it will then be reviewed again for possible funding.

C. Presentation of Composite Scores

All projects qualified for funding without additional review:

Scores:

1. Tarboo Creek, Farm and Forest Project: received 257 out of a possible 310 points; scored 84%. Preliminary score was 259.
2. 2016 Quimper Wildlife Addition Project: received 240 out of a possible 310 points; scored 77%. Preliminary score was 240.
3. Irondale Beach County Park: received 230 out of a possible 310 points; scored 74%. Preliminary score was 229.
4. Big Quilcene River – Moon Valley Reach Project: received 225 out of a possible 310 points; scored 73%. Preliminary score was 225.

Members reviewed project scores and looked for anomalies. Some scores changed slightly due to some confusion over questions or typos, but the ranking order did not change and all projects remained over 70%. The Committee agreed that several of the scoresheet questions needed further discussion and clarification.

D. Develop Funding Recommendations

The Committee noted that the funding was in excess of the total request amount for all projects.

Tarboo Creek, Farm and Forest Project

Craig Schrader moved that Tarboo Creek be approved for funding; Rick Jahnke seconded. The Committee voted all in favor.

Big Quilcene River – Moon Valley Reach Project

Craig Schrader moved that Moon Valley be approved for funding; Rick Jahnke seconded. The Committee voted all in favor.

Irondale Beach County Park

Ray Hunter moved that Irondale Beach be approved for funding; Craig Schrader seconded. The Committee voted all in favor.

2016 Quimper Wildlife Addition Project

Mary Biskup moved that Quimper Wildlife Addition be approved for funding; Dave Wilkinson seconded. The Committee voted all in favor.

The Committee then commented on each project.

Big Quilcene River – Moon Valley Reach Project: Members respected the young people driving the preservation of the river, the longevity of the project and the participation of the County.

Tarboo Creek, Farm and Forest Project: Comments included appreciation of the involvement of the County and the commitment of the current and next generation owners.

Irondale Beach County Park: The Committee valued the enthusiasm on the part of the County and the Park and the vision of those involved in the project.

2016 Quimper Wildlife Addition Project: The Committee appreciated the extensive use of the Wildlife Corridor and its importance to wildlife and meeting the diverse needs of the community.

Rick Jahnke moved to recommend full funding to all of the projects in this round; Dave Wilkinson seconded. The Committee voted all in favor.

The Committee will send any additional thoughts on the projects to Tami Pokorny within the next week.

E. Revision of Program Materials for 2017

A subcommittee was formed to revise the program and score sheet materials for 2017. The subcommittee volunteers were Mary Biskup, Lige Christian, Dave Wilkinson and Rob Harbour. They will have a clear recommendation for the full Committee at the fall meeting and will let Tami Pokorny know when they meet.

F. Next Special Meeting

The next Special Meeting was scheduled for 10/10/16, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., and will present recommended program changes from the subcommittee. The second fall meeting will finalize changes.

VIII. Other/ Administrative

Staff Update:

Fund balance: Tami Pokorny has not checked the fund balance since the last meeting; it can be discussed at fall meetings.

Membership: No updates.

Outreach: If there is a push toward new outreach endeavors, Tami is willing to work on it. The general public may not be aware of what the Committee accomplishes with its funding.

IX. Observer Comments

Douglas Huber thanked the Committee for the funding for the Irondale Beach County Park; this will give County what they need to move forward in planning on additional properties.

Tami Pokorny will be working with Chair Rob Harbour to write a letter to the Board of Commissioners summarizing the Committees' funding recommendations on all the projects.

X. Adjournment

Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:41 PM.

Approved by CFC 9/17/17

R Harbour
Chair