



MEETING MINUTES

Land Bank Commission Meeting March 19, 2021 Virtual ZOOM Meeting

Commission Members in Attendance:

Jim Skoog, District 1, position 1
 Sandi Friel, District 2, position 2
 Brian Wiese, at large, position 4
 Miles Becker, District 3, position 3

Doug Strandberg, at large, position 5
 David Meiland, at large, position 6
 Christa Campbell, at large, position 7

Commission Members Absent: None

Land Bank Staff in Attendance: Shauna Barrows, Charlie Behnke, Lincoln Bormann, Peter Guillozet, Erin Halcomb, Doug McCutchen, Aaron Rock, Kayla Seaforth, Jacob Wagner, Amanda Wedow, Tanja Williamson

Land Bank Staff Absent: Eliza Habegger

County Council Liaison: Christine Minney

County Manager: Absent

Public in Attendance: 21 individuals over the course of the meeting.

Topic	Key Discussion Points & Agreements
Call to Order 8:36 am	Christa Campbell, called the meeting to order.
Public Comment 8:36 am	Amy Lum thanked the Commission and extended an invitation to tour Coffelt Farm, as well as answer any questions. Kathy Morris apologized for missing the announcement at the February meeting for the public to leave due to Executive Session; she was out of the room. She noted for

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Public Comment continued	<p>future reference the Zoom meeting host has the ability to close out attendees if needed.</p> <p>Steve Ulvi thanked the commissioners for their thoughtful discussions of all topics (arable lands, good soil, ag food focus as examples) and that he’s been paying attention to the Charter Review discussions currently happening. Steve suggested including climate resiliency in the discussion of future advisory boards.</p>
Adoption of Minutes 8:47 am	<p>The draft February 19, 2021 minutes were reviewed. There were corrections. Minutes were approved with corrections.</p>
Chair and Commissioner’s Report 8:52 am	<p>No reports from Land Bank Commissioners.</p>
Council Liaison 8:52 am	<p>Christine Minney commented on the Old Military Road Trail committee presentation given to Council, and noted it is a long-range project on San Juan Island, encompassing a cohesive trail from American Camp to English Camp. She highlighted the new Cultural Resources webpage on the County’s website: (https://www.sanjuanco.com/1767/Cultural-Resources). Additionally, she said San Juan County was at 30 percent vaccine initiated, meaning those fully vaccinated and those waiting for their second shot. Lastly, Christine reminded everyone the San Juan County Agricultural (Ag) Summit begins tomorrow, 3/20/21, and runs through 4/16/21.</p>
Additional Public Comment 8:57 am	<p>Jennifer Pietsch thanked Stewardship Coordinator, Erin Halcomb, for answering all her questions from the February meeting.</p> <p>Brook Brouwer thanked the Land Bank for its sponsorship of the Ag Summit and encouraged everyone to register. He noted registration ends today, 3/19/21.</p> <p>Dave Zeretzke thanked the Land Bank for its partnership in the Town to American Camp Trail, keeping it open and in good shape.</p>
Public Hearing Proposed Amended 2021 Budget	<p>Lincoln Bormann presented the proposed amendments to the 2021 Conservation Area Fund Budget. There are unfinished transactions in both revenue and expenditures to be brought forward from 2020. Lincoln focused his discussion on new acquisition projects.</p>
Discussion and Vote Proposed Amended 2021 Budget	<p>After hearing Lincoln’s presentation there was discussion about the reintroduction of the Cady Mountain Preserve Addition and the Olga Store Historic Preservation Easement. Since the Olga Store owners had very recently decided to withdraw their proposal, that item will be removed from the detail of acquisition projects.</p>
	<p><u>ACTION:</u> David Meiland moved to adopt the Proposed Amended 2021 Budget with the amendment of removing the \$150k Olga Store line item. Jim Skoog seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.</p>

Orcas Island	<p>Olga Store Historic Preservation Easement – Background: The group that bought the Olga Store would like to put a historic preservation easement (HPE) on the property and has requested \$150k. Boyd Pratt has researched the historical elements of the structure, noting that the East and South side are largely unaltered and key architectural details should be protected. Current: As noted earlier, this project has been dropped.</p>
<p>Break 9:30 am – 9:40 am</p>	
<p>Stewardship Report 9:40 pm</p>	<p>Proposed Naming Policy: Erin gave an intro while Peter worked out technology issues. As a result of discussion in the Justice, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion (JEDI) committee, working on the naming policy through JEDI presented itself as a good start/fit project. Peter worked up a DRAFT, which was shared with Cindy Wolf, Mike Thomas and staff, and is what the commission is seeing now. Peter noted that this project was chosen as there is a larger policy update project in the works. There was discussion regarding naming criteria and indigenous community input keeping in mind there are a vast array of indigenous communities. Peter highlighted the intent is to provide names that are not offensive and make a large effort on outreach. Christa noted name recognition is tough and having a policy would be helpful. Nancy Greene, SJPT Trustee, was asked if SJPT has a policy regarding naming properties. She said, no. She noted this would be an excellent opportunity for the two organizations to work together. Commission liked the first draft and intent behind it.</p> <p>Coffelt-CART Update: Coffelt-CART member, Brook Brouwer, noted the committee was not ready to make a full presentation today. They will have a report ready the week before the April meeting. Christa suggested a separate meeting discussion time after the commission has had a chance to review the report. It was decided to hold an extended meeting in April.</p> <p>Ag Lease Update: Charlie reported that Request for Proposals are out for Zylstra Lake and Fowler’s Pond Preserves. Deadline for proposals is March 26th.</p> <p>San Juan Island: Doug M. added to the stewardship report, noting sweeping the road at Mount Grant Preserve and working on the Zylstra Preserve dam.</p>
<p>Outreach/Volunteer Report 10:45 am</p>	<p>Tanja announced the Community Conversations series that will take place via Zoom. The Land Bank will host an evening meeting each Wednesday, from 5:30pm to 7:00pm, via zoom. The commission had been wanting to host town hall meetings pre-covid, and this is the virtual version. The first event is Wednesday, March 31, beginning with District 1, with District 2 the following week (4/7) and District 3 the last week (4/14).</p>
<p>Executive Session 10:49 am – 11:19 am</p>	<p>The Land Bank Commission met in executive session in accordance with RCW 42.30.110 (1)(b) To consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price.</p>
<p>Future Agenda Items 11:19 am</p>	<p>Coffelt-CART report discussion same day; schedule for noon after April meeting</p>

Meeting Adjourned 11:26 am	Chair, Sandi Friel, adjourned the meeting.
NEXT MEETING	The next LBC meeting is scheduled to take place April 16, 2021.