



**Jefferson County Conservation Futures (JCCF) Committee  
FINAL MEETING MINUTES  
Jefferson County Public Health Pacific Room  
Port Townsend, WA  
October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 3:02 PM to 4:30 PM**

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

**Members Present:** Phil Andrus, District 2; Mary Biskup, Chair, District 1; Lige Christian, District 3; Richard Jahnke, Interest – Coastal Areas; Lorna Smith, Interest – Ecotourism; David Wilkinson, Vice Chair, District 1

**Members Absent:** Scott Brinton, Interest – Agriculture; JD Gallant, District 3; Rob Harbour, Interest – Working Lands; Ray Hunter, Interest – Fallow Farms; Craig Schrader, Interest – Climate Change; Sarah Spaeth, Interest – Jefferson Land Trust

**County Staff Present:** Tami Pokorny, Environmental Public Health; Rebekah Brooks, Recorder

I. Call to Order

Chair Mary Biskup called the meeting to order at 3:02 PM.

II. Welcome and Introductions

III. Approval of Minutes

**Phil Andrus moved to preliminarily approve the minutes from the August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Meeting; Richard Jahnke seconded. The motion passed by consensus. The minutes from the April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and the May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 Meetings, with a correction to the May Meeting minutes, were accepted by consensus. [At the November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Meeting, it was realized that no quorum was present and minutes were re-approved.]**

IV. Review of Agenda

Phil Andrus announced a get well card circulating for Ray Hunter.

V. Guest Observer Comments

There were none.

VI. Old Business

There was none.

VII. New Business

A. Subcommittee Recommendations for the 2018 Funding Round

The Subcommittee was Phil Andrus, Rob Harbour, Ray Hunter and Lorna Smith. They met out of concern that pure conservation projects might not rank as highly as other projects that only have a conservation component. Lorna Smith explained that the Subcommittee changed some of the score sheet language on question 7 and included an additional question: "To what degree does the project protect habitat for State or Federal ESA-listed anadromous fish species?" A change was also suggested for the application, which would include clarification of marine and riparian corridors and buffer extensions. Discussion followed on whether the farm and forest language overlapped with the salmonid language; buffer definitions; and changes to the language of the salmonid question. **The Committee concluded that they were satisfied with the concept, but wanted to continue to work out the wording for the score sheet and application. \*The Subcommittee will send suggested changes to Tami Pokorny so that she can send out the score sheet and application drafts in time for discussion and final edits at the November Meeting.** She will also send the bylaws to anyone who needs another copy.

B. Chimacum (Brown) Dairy and Snow Creek Watershed Acquisitions Updates:

Tami Pokorny said Chimacum (Brown) Dairy Project was approved in 2009 for funding through the JCCF and the Recreation and Conservation Office. At the time, the State required the County to co-hold the easement and act as project sponsor. The law has since changed. Since Chimacum Dairy would now like to redraw the building envelope, it is a good time to ask the County if it would be willing to withdraw from the easement so as to allow Jefferson County Land Trust to become its sole grantee and assume project sponsorship responsibilities. Tami and Sarah Spaeth will be discussing the matter with the Board of Commissioners at their meeting on Monday, so a Committee member should be present. \*Mary Biskup volunteered to attend.

The sponsor of the Snow Creek Watershed Acquisitions Project, Jefferson Land Trust, requested a scope change. They would like to replace one of the two original properties which is no longer available for sale with a substitute a property of similar size, location and conservation values that is currently listed for sale. This change requires a public hearing to be held at 11:00 am on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Tami requests that the Committee provide a letter to the BoCC summarizing the outcomes of the August special meeting and the group's recommendation. \*Mary Biskup agreed to work with

Tami on the letter after this meeting; Lorna Smith volunteered to present the letter at the hearing.

C. Scope Change Guidance Needs/Options

The Subcommittee for long-term monitoring and scope change guidance was unable to meet. Lige Christian presented the idea that a number of past projects should perhaps be site-visited annually. More discussion on this topic will follow at upcoming meetings.

D. Developing Recommendations for the BoCC – Next Steps:

There was nothing to discuss on this topic until the scope change and long-term monitoring is decided.

E. Next Meeting:

The 2018 Draft Calendar was reviewed. The next meeting was scheduled for November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Chair Mary Biskup ordered the meeting to review annual project reports and additional subcommittee recommendations.

VII. Other/ Administrative

A. Staff Update:

Fund balance: Tami Pokorny announced the fund balance of \$653,935 as of the end of September.

Membership: An ad was placed for the vacant District 2 seat; \*interested persons should send a declaration of interest to Tami. Lige Christian's, Craig Schrader's and Sarah Spaeth's seats expire in 2018.

Outreach: Lorna Smith will display a presentation board on the Jefferson County Conservation Futures at an upcoming salmon meeting.

VIII. Observer Comments

There were no guest observers, but Tami Pokorny announced that JCCF was featured in an article in the Port Townsend Leader. She also discussed the Readiness and Environmental Protection Initiative (REPI), an effort by the Navy to help ensure the continued operations of critical bases, and the possible opportunity to create a local sentinel site, which may make this area more competitive for REPI funds. More information can be found at <https://www.tpl.org/about/readiness-and-environmental-protection-initiative-repi#sm.0000md1m4y93uehg11rud8923lhov>.

IX. Adjournment

Chair Mary Biskup adjourned the meeting at 4:30 PM.

*David Wilbur May 24, 2018*