



**Jefferson County Conservation Futures Committee
FINAL Special Meeting Minutes
JCPH Pacific Room
Port Townsend, WA
May 9, 2018 3:36 PM to 5:05 PM**

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

Members Present: Phil Andrus, District 2; Mary Biskup, District 1; Scott Brinton, Interest – Agriculture; Lige Christian, Vice Chair, 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; Dave Wilkinson, Chair, District 1

Members Absent: Lorna Smith, Interest – Ecotourism; Sarah Spaeth, Interest - Jefferson Land Trust

County Staff Present: Tami Pokorny, Water Quality Division

I. Call to Order:

Chair Dave Wilkinson called the meeting to order at 3:36 PM.

II. Welcome and Introductions

III. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the April 16, 2018 meeting were preliminarily approved by unanimous consensus. The minutes from the November 9, 2017 meeting were unanimously accepted.

IV. Review of Agenda:

Tami Pokorny corrected the November meeting date, from November 9, 2018 to November 9, 2017.

V. Observer comments:

There were no guest observers present.

VI. Old Business:

None

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nine in favor and two abstentions. Review of available funds revealed that the top four ranked projects could be fully funded. **Scott Brinton moved to fully fund the top four ranked projects; Lige Christian seconded.** Ray Hunter explained that he thought the Marrowstone Mize project was overvalued for the land and did not agree with funding the project. He advocated for funding the Dabob Bay Natural Areas Addition in its place. The group discussed the merits of both projects and decided to keep the ranking as it stood. **The Committee voted with nine in favor, one abstention and one against.**

Ruby Ranch

Lige Christian moved to fully fund the Ruby Ranch project at the level requested; Richard Jahnke seconded. The Committee voted all in favor.

Marrowstone Mize

Lige Christian moved to fully fund the Marrowstone Mize project at the level requested; JD Gallant seconded. The Committee voted all in favor.

Snow Creek Middle Reach Forest Protection

Lige Christian moved to fully fund the Snow Creek project at the level requested; Ray Hunter seconded. The Committee voted all in favor.

Chimacum Forest (Short's Forest)

Lige Christian moved to fully fund the Chimacum Forest project at the level requested; Rob Harbour seconded. The Committee voted all in favor.

Lige Christian moved that although the Committee found the Dabob Bay Natural Areas Addition project worthy of funding, it did not approve of funding the project because it ranked fifth among the proposed projects; Mary Biskup seconded. The Committee commented on the qualities of the project, agreeing that the property is relevant, but does not have the same value as the other projects. It was noted that the projects were not voted on in the order they were ranked. **Lige Christian amended his motion to reflect that the Committee approve of the projects in the numerical order in which they were ranked; Mary Biskup seconded. The Committee voted all in favor.**

F. Revision of Program Materials for 2019

The Committee discussed issues it wished to resolve in the score sheet, including modifying the 70% scoring criteria for funding. Long-term stewardship and project monitoring over time to follow up on past funded projects was also discussed; suggestions included random inspections, assessments on a five-year cycle, and annual reports. The Committee also expressed interest in having a presentation and in-depth conversation with the Jefferson Land Trust and possibly the Watershed Institute at the next meeting.

G. Next Meeting and Agenda