



MEETING MINUTES

Land Bank Commission Meeting November 18, 2011

Victorian Room, 171 Main Street, Eastsound, Orcas Island.

Commission Members in Attendance: Tom Cowan, Nancy Greene, Amanda Azous, Jim Skoog, Lisa Wolford, Doug Strandberg, and Lance Evans.

Commission Members Absent: Douglas Strandberg absent until 8:43 a.m.

Land Bank Staff in Attendance: Lincoln Bormann, Judy Cumming, Doug McCutchen, Eliza Habegger, Ruthie Dougherty Tim Clark, and Diane Kinnaman.

Land Bank Staff Absent: None.

Public in Attendance: Charles Anderson, Pamela Gross, Louise Dustrude, Eileen Drath, David Zeretzke, and Tom Reeve.

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<u>Call to Order</u>	8:10am the meeting was called to order.	
<u>Adoption of Minutes</u>	The October 21, 2011 minutes were reviewed. There were corrections.	Amanda Azous moved to accept the October 21, 2011 minutes. Jim Skoog seconded. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.
<u>Chair's Report</u> <u>Media</u>	Tom Cowan reviewed recent articles in local publications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tharald Historic Homestead Tour, Shaw Island takes place 11/5/11 – San Juan County News • Feds: Protect Pristine Lands in San Juan Islands – SeattlePI.com 	

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<p><u>Chair's Report continued</u> <u>Media</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logs Away - Creosote Log Removal from Lopez Beaches – Islands Weekly • Report on East Sound's Marine Health this Friday (Eastsound Waterfront Park) 	
<p><u>Farewell</u></p>	<p>Tom Cowan announced Diane Kinnaman's departure from the Land Bank staff. She was the department assistant and volunteer coordinator since February 2007. Tom thanked Diane for her many years of dedicated service to the Land Bank.</p>	
<p><u>Land Bank Events</u></p>	<p>November 12, 2011 Tim Clark, Land Bank preserve steward, the Lopez Community Trails Network, and Friends of Lopez Hill hosted "Go Take a Hike" on Lopez Hill.</p>	
<p><u>Land Bank Reauthorization</u></p>	<p>Tom Cowan thanked the Renew Our Land Bank (ROLB) co-chairs and committee members for the successful campaign effort for Land Bank renewal, stating there was no doubt the Land Bank would have lost the vote, had it not been for their efforts.</p> <p>A thank you letter for ROLB committee members was read by Tom.</p> <p>Commission consensus: approval of the letter for distribution.</p>	<p>Motion: Nancy Greene moved to approve the thank you letter for Renew Our Land Bank co-chairs and committee members.</p> <p>Jim Skoog seconded. No discussion.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p>
<p><u>Finance Report</u></p>	<p>Judy Cumming reviewed the October 31, 2011 Conservation Area Fund (CAF) and Stewardship & Management Fund financial statements. Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) collections for September were \$91,090.</p> <p>There was discussion.</p>	<p>Motion: Jim Skoog moved to accept the September 30, 2011 financial statements.</p> <p>Amanda Azous seconded.</p> <p>There was no discussion.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p>
<p><u>Public Comments</u></p>	<p>Eileen Drath of Friday Harbor, wearing her San Juan Island Trails Committee (SJITC) hat, thanked Land Bank stewards Eliza Habegger and Doug McCutchen for their participation with the SJITC Know Your Island Walks in 2011. The Land Bank hosted three of the walks (Deadman Bay/Limekiln, Third Lagoon, and Beaverton Marsh Preserves) and Eliza and Doug both shared their knowledge on those highly successful interpretive walks.</p>	

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<u>Public Comments continued</u>	<p>Lance Evans noted the public interest in trails on San Juan Island, demonstrated by the Land Bank involvement with SJITC has inspired increased trail easements. There was discussion.</p> <p>Eileen commented that SJITC Know Your Island Walks would like to work with Orcas and Lopez Community Trails Network to schedule walks around the county.</p> <p>Lincoln Bormann noted Deer Harbor, Orcas residents are working on developing a plan and securing trail easements for the area.</p>	
<u>Directors Report -- acquisitions</u> <u>Lopez / Buffum Conservation Easement</u>	Lincoln did not have anything new to report.	Project will continue moving forward.
<u>San Juan / Fairway Drive Homeowner's Assn. trail license</u>	<p>Lincoln did not have anything new to report.</p> <p>Background: This agreement would be part of the American Camp to Friday Harbor Corridor.</p>	Project will continue moving forward.
<u>Doug Strandberg joins meeting</u>	8:43 am Doug Strandberg joined the meeting.	
<u>San Juan / Webb</u>	<p>Lincoln reported the San Juan Preservation Trust is looking for commission consensus to move forward with this project. There was discussion.</p> <p>Background: This 75 acre property is adjacent to English Camp. The National Parks Service has funds remaining from the Mitchell Hill acquisition (secured through community effort) and these funds may be used to purchase a portion of the Webb property. The San Juan Preservation Trust (SJPT) is interested in purchasing the remainder but requires partners to move forward. Lincoln noted that should the Land Bank participate its share would be a small fraction of the total purchase price.</p> <p>Commission consensus: The Land Bank Commission wants to proceed on this project, but cannot make a commitment at this time.</p>	<p>Project will continue moving forward.</p> <p>A subcommittee consisting of Tom Cowan, Doug Strandberg and Lincoln Bormann to review the Webb project as information becomes available was formed.</p>

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<p><u>Stewardship Report</u></p> <p><u>Stewardship Report continued</u></p>	<p>Doug McCutchen reported a new dog off-leash advocate group on Facebook was recently created. There was discussion.</p> <p>Tim Clark reported the kiosk at Lopez Hill has been knocked down twice by a large 4wd vehicle. There was discussion.</p> <p>Lance Evans inquired about the attendance at last month's Land Bank guided public walks on protected lands, which took place on October 22nd.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orcas – Hogback Mountain had 10 attendees • Lopez – Fisherman Bay Spit had 5 attendees • San Juan – Third Lagoon had 15 attendees • Shaw – Tharald Homestead Tour had 43 attendees. There was discussion. 	
<p><u>San Juan / Reiss (addition to acquisitions item)</u></p>	<p>Westside property owners are interested in donating a conservation easement or a portion of the property to allow for public access.</p>	<p>Project will continue moving forward.</p>
<p><u>Meeting Adjourned</u></p>	<p>9:00am - meeting was adjourned.</p>	<p>Tom Cowan adjourned the meeting.</p>
<p>NEXT MEETING</p>	<p>December 16, 2011 ~ 8:30am at the Mullis Community Senior Center, 589 Nash Street, Friday Harbor, San Juan Island.</p>	