



MEETING MINUTES

Land Bank Commission Meeting

August 19, 2011

Craft Room, Mullis Community Senior Center, 589 Nash Street, Friday Harbor, San Juan Island

Commission Members in Attendance: Doug Strandberg, Jim Skoog and Nancy Greene.

Commission Members in Attendance via teleconference: Lance Evans and Lisa Wolford.

Commission Members Absent: Tom Cowan and Amanda Azous.

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

Land Bank Staff Absent: Ruthie Dougherty.

Public in Attendance: David Dehlendorf, Louise Dustrude, and Pamela Gross.

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<u>Call to Order</u>	8:42am the meeting was called to order.	
<u>Adoption of Minutes</u>	The July 15, 2011 minutes were reviewed. There were corrections.	Jim Skoog moved to accept the July 15, 2011 minutes. Doug Strandberg seconded. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.
<u>Chair's Report</u> <u>Land Bank</u> <u>Reauthorization Update</u>	Vice-Chair Doug Strandberg stated the Land Bank is delighted with the results of the Renew Our Land Bank Committee (ROLB) petitions and asked Pamela Gross to report on the committee's latest efforts. Pam explained that almost 2,700 signatures	

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<p><u>Land Bank Reauthorization Update continued</u></p>	<p>were turned in to the Auditor’s office. Only 938 signatures were required to get the Land Bank renewal question on the November ballot. The committee was very pleased with the number of signatures collected.</p> <p>On behalf of the team of signature collectors, Pam described how the exercise was a wonderful opportunity to engage with individuals and listen, in a very different way, about the sense of what folks are feeling and some of the issues that are important to them.</p> <p>Jim Skoog stated he is thrilled the ROLB campaign is being launched at the San Juan County Fair and hopes the committee will reach as many voters as possible.</p> <p>Wall of testimonials w/islander photographs at the San Juan County Fair ROLB booth is compelling, Lincoln added. There was discussion.</p> <p>Preview of grassroots effort for campaign:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - draft calendar of tasks – speaking to organizations & guest columns, letters to the editor. - direct mailings. - continuing to collect testimonials. - ensure folks get out to vote. <p>ROLB co-chairs:</p> <p>San Juan – Dave Zeretzke & Pam Gross Orcas – Harvey Himelfarb & Dave Zoeller Lopez – Tom & Sally Reeve</p> <p>Land Bank Commission liaisons to ROLB:</p> <p>Jim Skoog, Lisa Wolford, and Tom Cowan will provide a communications conduit so the renewal effort is well informed of Land Bank priorities and vice versa.</p>	
<p><u>Media</u></p>	<p>Doug Strandberg reviewed recent articles in local publications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mitchell Hill, San Juan. Report on the trails workshop jointly conducted by National Parks Service, Land Bank, Bureau of Land Management, and San 	

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<u>Media continued</u>	<p>Juan Trails Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Bank Renewal Qualifies for November Ballot - The Land Bank renewal petition for has been certified by County Auditor Milene Henley for inclusion on the November general election ballot. • Critical Areas Ordinance editorial by John B Evans – includes positive reference of the San Juan Preservation Trust and Land Bank’s efforts towards buying critical area lands or purchasing restrictive easements on private lands with critical areas. 	
<u>Bureau of Land Management Public Workshop</u>	<p>The US Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will host two workshops to assist with developing alternatives for the San Juan Resource Management Plan. This plan will guide future management of approximately 1,000 acres of BLM-administered public lands in the San Juan Archipelago. Doug Strandberg encouraged commissioners and staff to attend the August 25 & 27 meetings on San Juan Is.</p>	
<u>Nancy Greene joins meeting</u>	<p>9:00 am – Ferry arrives late due to fog.</p>	
<u>Public Comments</u>	<p>Doug McCutchen thanked volunteers David Dehlendorf, Louise Dustrude, Thom Pence, Maria Small, Jamie Radkley, and Lee Schiff for their dedication in helping with noxious weed pulls July 26, 28 and Aug 2, 4.</p>	
	<p>David Dehlendorf of San Juan thanked the Land Bank for its ongoing collaboration with the San Juan Island Trails Committee.</p> <p>David expressed interest in trails possibilities around Trout Lake, San Juan. There was discussion.</p>	
	<p>Jim Skoog commented on the need for wetland restoration with the new Hospital project on San Juan Island and suggested the Land Bank find a way to collaborate when the time comes. There was discussion.</p>	

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<u>Finance Report</u>	Jim Skoog, Lincoln Bormann, and Judy Cumming presented the July 31, 2011 Conservation Area Fund (CAF) and Stewardship & Management Fund financial statements. Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) collections for July were \$73,643. REET collections for 2011 to date have dropped to 4.16% less than this time last year. There was discussion.	Motion: Lisa Wolford moved to accept the July 31, 2011 financial statements. Jim Skoog seconded. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.
<u>Upcoming Public Hearing on Proposed 2012 Expenditure and Acquisition Plan</u>	A Public Hearing on the Land Bank Proposed 2012 Expenditure and Acquisition Plan will take place September 16, 2011 for commission approval.	
<u>Bonding Scenarios</u>	Lincoln Bormann and Judy Cumming reviewed the Grant Revenue Received and Stewardship and Management Fund Balance History spreadsheets presented to the commission for the bonding scenario discussion. Bonding scenario discussion was tabled until the September 16, 2011 Land Bank Commission meeting, when all commission members are present.	
<u>Director's Report</u> <u>Island Maps</u>	Lincoln Bormann reported the Land Bank island maps of Land Bank preserves and conservation easements, under Eliza Habegger's direction, are completed. Maps are currently in circulation, have been well received, and are an integral part of current Land Bank outreach displays (Orcas Library Fair, San Juan County Fair, and Lopez Farmers Market). David Dehlendorf inquired on the possibility to incorporate connective trails on the maps. Pamela Gross inquired about adding directions to Land Bank preserves on maps. It was noted both Judd Cove and Turtleback Mountain Preserves have driving directions available currently on the Land Bank website www.sjclandbank.org . There was discussion. Eliza reported that development of a template for additional Land Bank preserve maps is currently in progress, and Eliza will request commission/staff input as each map is being	

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<u>2011 Orcas Library Fair</u>	Lincoln and Diane Kinnaman staffed the Land Bank booth at this years' Fair. The event was well attended and positive feedback was received by those who stopped by. There was discussion.	
<u>2011 San Juan County Fair (SJC Fair)</u>	<p>The Land Bank booth this year at the SJC Fair is exclusively in the Green Village. Staff created a display of selected Land Bank Preserves, 'Then and Now.' Folks are enjoying the differing perspectives comparing how some things have changed while others remain the same.</p> <p>Doug McCutchen and Boyd Pratt's Historic Limekiln Operations presentation at the Green Village was a hit for the large crowd, with requests for more presentations from attendees.</p>	
<u>Orcas / Jolley</u>	<p>Lincoln reported he was successful at leveraging \$250K from the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) in grant monies for acquisition of the Jolley property on the west shore of Orcas. More funds are required to complete the purchase. Lincoln will apply to the Estuary and Salmon Recovery Program (ESRP) or other sources for the remaining funds required to complete the purchase.</p> <p>If successful, this acquisition could be part of an effort to protect up to 6,000 feet of undeveloped shoreline. Department of Fish and Wildlife representatives noted the presence of salmonids on their field trip to the property. There was discussion.</p>	
<u>Lopez / Buffum Conservation Easement</u>	Buffum appraisal should be completed soon. Lincoln will schedule a meeting with the Buffums and commissioners Tom Cowan and Nancy Greene.	Lincoln will continue moving forward with this project.
<u>328 Caines 'Pocket Park'</u>	Lincoln reported the pocket park was opened in time for San Juan County Fair-goers to enjoy on the trek up to the Fair. Well received and press release forthcoming. Volunteers continue to steward the park and	Lincoln will continue moving forward with this project.

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<p><u>Stewardship Report</u> <u>Lopez</u></p>	<p>Eliza Habegger and Tim Clark reported on their heartening meeting with family members of the Iceberg Point, Lopez property. The Conservation Easement (CE) protects designated forest land, shoreline and vistas. The history of this CE spans multi generations and exemplifies how the CE program works in perpetuity. The CE is jointly held by San Juan Preservation Trust and Land Bank.</p>	
<p><u>Lopez Community Trails Network</u></p>	<p>Tim Clark recently attended the Lopez Community Trails Network (LCTN) meeting and reported the potential trail from Odlin South to Lopez Village is still hopeful. The LCTN is working with property owners to allow public access with a revocable trail license agreement in order to complete the trail.</p> <p>The LCTN has a presence this year at the San Juan County Fair, thanks to the support from fellow trail troopers San Juan Island Trails Committee.</p> <p>LCTN is hosting guided hikes every other month. All are invited to join September 24th for a hike to Park View, Mt. Baker via shuttle. Meet on the ferry.</p>	
<p><u>San Juan</u></p>	<p>Doug McCutchen gave an oral report on stewardship activities for the past month including ongoing trail maintenance at Land Bank preserves, weed pulling, and recent sign additions at Third Lagoon Preserve completed by the Department of Natural Resources which co-owns the property with the Land Bank. There was discussion.</p>	
<p><u>June 2011 Agricultural Strategic Action Plan for San Juan County</u></p>	<p>Jim Skoog suggested commissioners and staff review the June 2011 Agricultural Strategic Action Plan for San Juan County funded by the Washington State Office of Farmland Preservation. Land Bank staff administered the grant.</p>	
<p><u>Scenic Byways Committee Update</u></p>	<p>Judy Cumming, who serves on the steering committee, gave a brief update of \$171K of</p>	

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<u>Scenic Byways Committee Update continued</u>	unexpected local funding recently received with another potential grant on the way. Areas of focus will be exploring current routes and directing folks on the current byway.	
<u>Farrington Foundation</u>	The Farrington Foundation, who produced the oral history “To Save A Mountain – The Story of Turtleback Mountain” is looking to segue into “Part II of Conservation Stories” focusing on youth film documentaries on conservation. More information available on their website www.friendsoffarrington.org .	
<u>Meeting Adjourned</u>	9:52pm - meeting adjourned.	Doug Strandberg adjourned the meeting.
NEXT MEETING	September 16, 2011 ~ 8:30am at Craft Room, Mullis Community Senior Center, 589 Nash Street, Friday Harbor, San Juan Island..	