



## MEETING MINUTES

### Land Bank Commission Meeting

**October 21, 2011**

**Lopez Public Library, Community Meeting Room, 2225 Fisherman Bay Road, Lopez Island.**

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

Commission Members Absent: Douglas Strandberg and Lisa Wolford.

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

Land Bank Staff Absent: Eliza Habegger and Ruthie Dougherty.

Public in Attendance: Peggy Bill, Sally Reeve, Bob Myhr, and Dan Post.

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<b><u>Call to Order</u></b>	10:15am the meeting was called to order.	
<b><u>Adoption of Minutes</u></b>	The September 16, 2011 minutes were reviewed. There were corrections.	Jim Skoog moved to accept the September 16, 2011 minutes. Lance Evans seconded. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.
<b><u>Chair's Report</u></b> <b><u>Media</u></b>	Tom Cowan reviewed recent articles in local publications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land Bank Walks on Public Land – takes place 10/22/11 – Island Sounder</li> <li>• Tharald Historic Homestead Tour, Shaw Island takes place 11/5/11 – Island Sounder</li> <li>• “Land Bank Creates Social Capital”</li> </ul>	

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<p><b><u>Chair's Report continued</u></b> <u>Media</u></p>	<p>by Karla Sabin – San Juan Islander</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upcoming Creosote Log Removal from Lopez Beaches – WSU Beachwatchers blog &amp; Islands Weekly</li> <li>• What's In Store For Land Bank? – San Juan Journal</li> </ul>	
<p><b><u>Upcoming Land Bank Events</u></b></p>	<p>Land Bank guided public walks on protected lands will take place October 22<sup>nd</sup>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orcas – Hogback Mountain @ 1:30pm</li> <li>• Lopez – Fisherman Bay Spit @ 3:00</li> <li>• San Juan – Third Lagoon @ 1:00</li> </ul> <p>Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shaw – Tharald Homestead Tour 1:00</li> </ul> <p>There was discussion.</p>	
<p><b><u>Land Bank Reauthorization Update</u></b></p>	<p>Tom Cowan described the current campaign effort for Land Bank renewal as being led with a very positive approach. Tom thanked the Renew Our Land Bank co-chairs for their remarkable job and committee members Peggy Bill and Bob Myhr.</p> <p>Sally Reeve, Lopez co-chair, shared comments received on the campaign trail and the committee's focused message of benefits for our future. There was discussion.</p>	
<p><b><u>Public Comments</u></b></p>	<p>Bob Myhr, Lopez, thanked the Land Bank for its good work in conservation.</p> <p>Dan Post, Lopez, inquired on the status of the Fisherman Bay Spit dock.</p> <p>Doug McCutchen, Land Bank preserve steward reported the Land Bank is seeking grant funding to continue the dock project.</p>	
<p><b><u>Agricultural Strategic Action Plan for San Juan County</u></b></p>	<p>Peggy Bill, San Juan County Agricultural Resources Coordinator, presented "Growing Our Future" – An Agricultural Strategic Action Plan for San Juan County, WA published June 2011.</p> <p>Tim Clark, Lopez Land Bank preserve steward assisted with the Plan and acknowledged Dean Dougherty for assistance with the extensive mapping process. Tim also noted that only</p>	

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<u>Agricultural Strategic Action Plan for San Juan County continued</u>	<p>20% of County farmland is actually protected.</p> <p>Peggy asked commissioners to reference the plan to help guide future decisions. The full version of the final plan is available through the ARC office. Tom Cowan thanked the ARC for all of its work. There was more discussion.</p>	
<u>Finance Report</u>	<p>Jim Skoog and Judy Cumming presented the September 30, 2011 Conservation Area Fund (CAF) and Stewardship &amp; Management Fund financial statements. Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) collections for September were \$113,666.</p> <p>Jim reported a recent investments dialogue opened up interesting options – different types of investments are available for the stewardship fund, presented by the Treasurer of San Juan County. There was discussion. The Land Bank’s finance committee will soon have enough information to advise the Land Bank Commission (LBC) on these new government investment pool opportunities. LBC action not required yet.</p> <p>Lincoln will report at the November commission meeting.</p> <p>Judy stated in October there will be a longer report regarding the Buffum acquisition and the Lopez Farmland Preservation Grant.</p> <p>SJPT / Land Bank sub-committee Turtleback endowment fund will have been fully capitalized by the end of 2011 with a final installment of 200K. The fund total is 1.3 million.</p> <p>There was discussion.</p>	<p><b>Motion:</b> Lance Evans moved to accept the September 30, 2011 financial statements.</p> <p>Nancy Greene seconded.</p> <p>There was no discussion.</p> <p><b>Motion passed unanimously.</b></p> <p>Lincoln will report on new government investment pool options at the November commission meeting.</p>
<u>Directors Report</u> <u>Island Maps</u>	<p>Land Bank Preserves and Conservation Easement properties mapping project continues under Eliza Habegger’s direction. All public access properties on Orcas Island have been completed. San Juan Limekiln Preserve and Lopez Island Hummel Lake Preserve are also complete. San Juan Island public access properties to be completed next.</p>	
<u>Beaverton Marsh</u>	<p>The San Juan Preservation Trust and the Land Bank have formed a committee to discuss</p>	

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<u>Beaverton Marsh continued</u>	current duck hunting activities on the Taylor property and the Preserve's Beaverton Marsh West Preserve.	
<u>Alternative Land Use</u>	Lincoln met with folks about a proposed wind farm on Land Bank property that would fuel residential power. There was discussion.	
<u>2011 Land Bank Annual Retreat</u>	<p>Takes place November 18<sup>th</sup>, Outlook Inn, Eastsound, Orcas Island. John Howell will facilitate the retreat.</p> <p>Agenda topics will include:</p> <p>Conservation priorities, existing projects, possibilities, stewardship, outreach, future planning and finances of the organization. Commissioners should get agenda topics to Lincoln. Lincoln will distribute a draft agenda for commission consideration.</p> <p>Tom Cowan asked Lincoln to invite the Renew Our Land Bank co-chairs to the retreat.</p>	Commissioners should get agenda topics to Lincoln.
<u>San Juan / Webb</u>	<p>This 75 acre property is adjacent to English Camp. The National Parks Service has funds remaining from the Mitchell Hill acquisition and may purchase in conjunction with additional partners. The San Juan Preservation Trust (SJPT) is interested in contributing as well as others. The Land Bank has also been asked to contribute to the purchase. Lincoln reviewed the potential for over \$3 million in external funding for the project. There was discussion.</p> <p>Nancy Greene reported that Lincoln is scheduled to meet with San Juan Commissioners after the election to review what the interest might be. Notes from the meeting would be reported to the SJPT board and discussed. Commissioners would then discuss at the November 18<sup>th</sup> LBC retreat.</p>	Lincoln will report back at the November 18 <sup>th</sup> Land Bank Commission meeting.
<u>San Juan / Djarf Trail Easement</u>	The owners are considering donating a recreation license agreement instead of a trail easement.	Project will continue moving forward.
<u>Orcas / Jolley</u>	Lincoln reported he is currently in discussions	Project will continue moving forward.

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<u>Orcas / Jolley continued</u>	<p>with the Salmon Recovery Funding Board.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> Lincoln was successful at obtaining a minimum grant of \$250,000 from the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) for acquisition of the Jolley property on the west shore of Orcas. More funds will be required to complete the purchase. Lincoln will apply to other sources as they become available.</p> <p>If successful, this acquisition could be part of an effort to protect up to 6,000 feet of undeveloped shoreline.</p>	
<u>Orcas / Hardman, Buckhorn</u>	Lincoln led discussion on potential acquisition on the northeast shoreline of Orcas. The property includes over 200' of shoreline and tidelands, and could be a significant shoreline access point for the public.	Research will continue for this potential acquisition.
<u>Lopez / Buffum Conservation Easement</u>	Lincoln did not have anything new to report.	Project will continue moving forward.
<u>San Juan / Taylor phase II</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>	Lincoln is still trying to meet with the association to work through the details of the license.	Project will continue moving forward.
<u>San Juan / Reiss</u>	Westside property owners are interested in donating a conservation easement or a portion of the property to allow for public access.	Project will continue moving forward.
<b><u>Break Meeting Adjourned</u></b>	12:15 – 1:00pm. 1:00pm - meeting adjourned early due to ferry cancellation issue.	Tom Cowan adjourned the meeting.
<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	November 18, 2011 ~ 8:00 am at the Outlook Inn, Victorian Room, Eastsound, Orcas Island.	