



MEETING MINUTES

Land Bank Commission Meeting

May 8, 2009

Council Hearing Room, San Juan County Legislative Building

Commission Members in Attendance: Amanda Azous, Mary Blackstone, Tom Cowan, Nancy Jones, Nancy Greene, and Lisa Wolford.

Commission Members Absent: None.

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: Jim Higgins, Debbie Clausen, Louise Dustrude, Bonnie Peakes, Mary Jean Cahail, and David Dehlendorf.

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<u>Call to Order</u>	8:30am the meeting was called to order.	
<u>Adoption of Minutes</u>	The April 10, 2009 minutes were reviewed. There were corrections.	Tom Cowan moved to accept the April 10, 2009 minutes with corrections. Nancy Jones seconded. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.
<u>Chair's Report</u> <u>Forest Certification</u>	Amanda Azous referenced an article published in The Nature Conservancy's magazine outlining the comprehensive forest landscape restoration plan for Washington State's Ellsworth Creek Preserve, comparative to	

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<u>Forest Certification continued</u>	Turtleback's certification process through the Forest Stewardship Council.	
<u>2008 LBC Retreat minutes</u>	Amanda reported that she and Lincoln Bormann are currently reviewing the October 2008 retreat minutes and a status report on action items will be given to commissioners in June.	Lincoln will provide status report on 2008 Land Bank Commission retreat action items to commissioners in June.
<u>Finance Report</u> <u>Monthly Finance Reports</u>	Monthly reports - Mary Blackstone and Judy Cumming reviewed the Conservation Area Fund (CAF) and Stewardship reports. There was discussion.	Mary Blackstone moved to accept the monthly CAF and Stewardship reports. Nancy Jones seconded. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.
<u>Proposed 2009 Amended Expenditure and Acquisition Plan</u>	<p>The proposed 2009 Amended Expenditure and Acquisition Plan was reviewed. Nancy Greene noted the importance of the Land Bank showing the County Council its concerted efforts made toward participating in budget cutbacks. There was discussion. Nancy Greene and Nancy Jones added that the proposed amended budget reflects how the Land Bank is currently working to develop the properties already acquired, supporting contractors and businesses in the community with stewardship projects, while pulling back on acquisitions.</p> <p>San Juan / Webb Property - There was more discussion to eliminate Webb acquisition funds from district one's current 2009 budget.</p> <p>Proposed 2009 Amended Expenditure and Acquisition Plan will be approved by the Land Bank Commission at a public hearing at the June 12th Land Bank Commission meeting. The County Council will approve the budget in July.</p>	<p>Proposed 2009 Amended Expenditure and Acquisition Plan to be approved by the Land Bank Commission at the June 12th public hearing.</p> <p>Nancy Jones moved to eliminate the Webb property purchase funds from the current 2009 budget.</p> <p>Mary Blackstone seconded. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.</p>
<u>Public Comments</u>	No comments from members of the public present were given.	
<u>Director's Report</u> <u>Commissioner Vacancy</u>	Commissioner vacancy – advertisement for district one commissioner has been placed; application deadline May 15 th . County Council (CC) will have subcommittee interview candidates in June and make the formal	Lincoln will forward applicant resumes to commission for review.

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<u>Commissioner Vacancy continued</u>	announcement of appointee at the June 8 th or 9 th CC meeting.	
<u>Photography Contest</u>	Photo entries of Land Bank preserves deadline June 1 st .	Selected works to be displayed at the Fair and other public venues.
<u>Land Bank Fair Booth</u>	Land Bank will participate with Stewardship Network group in addition to regular Land Bank main building display. Commissioners' consensus to include Judd Cove log boom photos in displays.	Commissioners to submit display ideas to Judy as soon as possible.
<u>Lopez Hill</u>	Commissioners discussed issues facing San Juan County Parks if they were to take over management of Lopez Hill property. The County Council will determine who will manage Lopez Hill. There was discussion about the recreational aspects of Lopez Hill as being of primary importance in its conservation and management.	Lopez Hill lease will be concluded by end of June.
<u>2008 Annual Report</u>	2008 Annual report design and layout was reviewed and approved by the commission.	Annual report will be delivered to citizens at the end of May.
<u>Restoration Recognition</u>	Nancy Greene inquired about the possibility of any conservation recognition opportunities for Judd Cove environmental restoration and salmon recovery program. There was discussion.	Land Bank staff will research what restoration recognition programs might be available.
<u>Stewardship Report</u> <u>Frazier Management Plan</u>	Mary Blackstone gave the Agricultural Lease Subcommittee report on Frazer Homestead Preserve and outlined priorities. There was discussion. The commission agreed on the following goals/steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce infrastructure expenditures as much as possible. • Proceed with negotiation of a long term lease. • There will be no immediate resale of the property. Land Bank will keep the option open for future resale of southern third of pasture C. 	
<u>Park to Park Trail</u>	Lincoln polled commissioners regarding any outstanding issues for discussion regarding the proposed San Juan County Park – Westside Preserve trail (Park to Park) that has been outlined by Doug McCutchen for the commission.	

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<u>Park to Park Trail continued</u>	Commission consensus is the Park to Park trail is a real opportunity to get trail work done at a minimal cost.	
<u>Acquisition Projects</u> <u>Lopez</u> <u>Strachan Conservation Easement (CE)</u>	Lincoln reported that the Strachan CE donation is ready to move forward.	Transaction process will continue to move forward and a status report for Strachan CE to be given at June's (Land Bank Commission) LBC meeting.
<u>Lopez</u> <u>Jones CE</u>	There is some question as to whether the Jones CE transaction will move forward. Lincoln will report back at the June LBC meeting.	Status report for Jones CE to be given at June's LBC meeting.
<u>San Juan</u> <u>Sundstrom conveyance/ CE</u>	Timeline goal for Sundstrom CE completion is June 2009.	Transaction process will continue to move forward and a status report for Sundstrom conveyance/ CE to be given at June's LBC meeting.
<u>San Juan</u> <u>FH Brick and Tile</u>	Agriculture Guild is moving forward with negotiating a purchase and sale agreement. Should this be successful, the Land Bank will begin work to create a historic preservation and conservation easement for the project.	
<u>San Juan</u> <u>Howard CE</u>	Lincoln reported on a clerical error regarding the purchase price (under value) and the transaction remains on scheduled. The CE includes over 27 acres on Cattle Point Road. In conjunction with easements on the east side of the road, nearly 175 contiguous acres of farmland, forest and shoreline are protected while remaining in private ownership.	Transaction process will continue to move forward and a status report for Howard CE to be given at June's (Land Bank Commission) LBC meeting.
<u>San Juan</u> <u>Cattle Point Road Trail Easements</u>	Lincoln reported that the title work on Cattle Point Trail easements is almost completed. Fees associated with title work and commitments have been incorporated into the amended budget.	Lincoln will continue to work on easement completions for trail.
<u>San Juan</u> <u>Whale Museum CE</u>	Lincoln's financial meeting with the museum board chair is scheduled for May; Lincoln will then present the commission with financials for consideration. Amanda Azous asked for copies of the Historic Structural Analysis report to be distributed to the commission.	Lincoln will prepare a memo for the LBC on this project after his meeting with Dr. Weirs. Land Bank staff will provide the commission with printed version of the Historic Structural Analysis report.
<u>San Juan</u> <u>Mar Vista</u>	Lincoln reported the \$1.75 million in federal funds have been reserved for conservation of	Lincoln will give a status report on Mar Vista as information

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<u>San Juan</u> <u>Mar Vista continued</u>	golden paintbrush on the Mar Vista property. Lincoln and Tim Seifert, Executive Director of the San Juan Preservation Trust (SJPT), are discussing collaboration options for preserving this property. Clearly a private donor campaign would be instrumental in securing the property.	becomes available.
<u>Orcas</u> <u>Turtleneck / Perkins</u>	Debbie Clausen of SJPT reported that Turtleneck is a priority for the SJPT and that they are taking the lead to determine conservation options. Tim Seifert is currently working with property owners. The Land Bank is looking to the SJPT to orchestrate a plan, and then consider how to best contribute to the conservation effort.	Lincoln will give a status report on Turtleneck as information becomes available.
<u>Meeting Adjourned</u>	11:00 am meeting adjourned.	
NEXT MEETING	June 12, 2009, Main Meeting Room, Orcas Island Fire Department Station 21, 45 Lavender Lane, Eastsound, Orcas Island.	