



MEETING MINUTES

Land Bank Commission Meeting February 26, 2010

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

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

Commission Members Absent: Mary Blackstone.

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

Land Bank Staff Absent: Ruthie Dougherty and Eliza Habegger.

Public in Attendance: Louise Dustrude, Michael Sullivan, Eileen Drath, and Jeff Roberson.

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<u>Call to Order</u>	8:30am the meeting was called to order.	
<u>Adoption of Minutes</u>	The January 29, 2010 regular meeting minutes were reviewed. There were corrections.	Lisa Wolford moved to accept the January 29, 2010 regular meeting minutes. Tom Cowan seconded. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.
<u>Chair's Report</u> <u>Commission Honors</u> <u>Memory of</u> <u>Dr. Frederick Ellis</u>	Land Bank commissioners and staff honored the service and memory of Dr. Frederick Ellis, conservationist. Amanda Azous recounted how instrumental Dr. Ellis was in the creation of the Land Bank as well as serving as commissioner from 1991 – 1993.	

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<u>Land Bank Director Performance Evaluation Comments</u>	Amanda reminded commissioners to schedule director Lincoln Bormann for events in an effort to expand Land Bank participation in all island communities.	
<u>Finance Subcommittee</u>	Jim Skoog and Amanda Azous, representing the Land Bank finance subcommittee, met with Lincoln and Judy Cumming on February 25 th . Mary Blackstone was absent.	
<u>San Juan Preservation Trust (SJPT) / Land Bank Commission Subcommittee</u>	The first quarterly meeting for this subcommittee is scheduled for April 8, 2010. Agenda items should be given to committee members Nancy Greene, Jim Skoog, Amanda Azous, and Lincoln.	
<u>Land Bank Reauthorization Subcommittee</u>	A subcommittee will be formed to help lead Land Bank reauthorization efforts.	Lincoln will provide a list of potential committee members to Amanda.
<u>Finance Report</u>	Judy reviewed the 2009 Land Bank financial position which included the final posting of 2009 transactions. Conservation Area Fund (CAF) and Stewardship Fund reports, as well as CAF Transactions by Account spreadsheet were also reviewed. There was discussion.	
<u>Director's Report</u> Annual Work Plans	Lincoln presented the commission with the draft Stewardship and Land Bank annual work plans for 2010. There was discussion. Commission consensus: commission agreed the work plans are complete and ready to be presented to the County Administrator.	Lincoln will finalize Land Bank and Stewardship 2010 Work Plan and submit to the County Administrator.
<u>Public Hearing</u> Proposed Revised 2010 Expenditure and Acquisition Plan	The Proposed Revised 2010 Expenditure and Acquisition Plan was reviewed. There was discussion. Commission consensus: make the following changes to the amended budget: Amended budget will reflect: a. C. Sundstrom - removed b. Crescent Beach, Gerard - removed c. Guard project - added d. Buck project - added e. Lopez Village Acquisition - removed	Tom Cowan moved to continue the Public Hearing at the March 19, 2010 Land Bank Commission Meeting. Nancy Greene seconded. Motion passed unanimously. A public hearing will be held on March 19, 2010 to review the Proposed 2010 Amended Expenditure and Acquisition Plan.
<u>Public Comments for Public Hearing</u>	Louise Dustrude, San Juan, spoke about the importance of leveraging Land Bank funds for	

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<u>Public Comments continued</u>	<p>preserve acquisitions.</p> <p>Mike Sullivan, Lopez, advised the Land Bank to look at additional revenue sources and create additional scenario strategies before settling in on a plan.</p> <p>Jeff Roberson, San Juan, expressed the importance of stewardship and management of existing preserves and would not want to see it change from the current strategy. Jeff suggested another option for these tough financial times: to increase the stewardship fund, keeping stewardship at the current level or bringing it to a higher level.</p>	
<u>General Public Comments</u>	<p>Eileen Drath, San Juan, thanked the Land Bank for all it's hard work and presented an invitation to the San Juan Island Trails Committee – Blazing Shovels – 4th Annual Potluck. Doug McCutchen and others will be presenting at the gathering. Eileen also reported on another great hike on the Buck Preserve between Mt. Baker Rd. and Crescent Beach Rd. on Orcas Island, taken with Kathy Faulkner of Orcas Pathways and the Friday Walkers Club.</p> <p>Michael Sullivan, Lopez, of the newly formed Lopez Island Community Trails Network gave an update of their efforts.</p>	
<u>Director's Report Acquisition Projects Lopez / Lopez Island Vineyards Conservation Easement (CE)</u>	<p>Lincoln is currently working towards a conservation easement for this working, organic farm. Three, ten acre parcels may be included in the CE. Lincoln will investigate opportunities for the state Conservation Commission to submit Lopez Island Vineyards in the WWRP farmland protection program.</p>	<p>Lincoln will continue moving forward with this project.</p>
<u>San Juan County Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas Plan</u>	<p>Trust for Public Land (TPL) will hold a meeting March 11th, 12 – 3pm to help develop the plan following previous public meetings and a survey sent to 3,000 county residents. TPL asked for Land Bank representation at the meeting.</p>	
<u>Carbon Credit Meeting</u>	<p>Lincoln will attend a national meeting on the developing carbon credit market in April.</p>	<p>The April 16th Land Bank Commission meeting is rescheduled for April 23, 2010.</p>

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<u>National Monument Proposal – San Juans</u>	Lincoln reported that if the administration designates the San Juan Islands, the only areas affected are federal land - Bureau of Land Management land and National Parks.	
<u>Stewardship Report</u> <u>Frazer Agricultural Lease</u>	Tim Clark reported the applications for the Frazer Agricultural Lease are due into the Land Bank on March 8 th . There was discussion on the possibility of allowing temporary housing on preserves which hold ag leases.	The ag lease committee meets next on March 16 th and Tim will have a report at the March 19 th commission meeting.
<u>Meeting Adjourned</u>	11:26 a.m. - meeting adjourned.	Jim Skoog moved to close the meeting. Nancy Greene seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
NEXT MEETING	March 19, 2010 at The Craft Room, Mullis Community Senior Center, 589 Nash Street, Friday Harbor, San Juan Island.	