

Skagit County Auditor

8/31/2010 Page

1 of

6 12:34PM

WHEN RECORDED RETURN TO:

Lana M. Whisman 2609 N 34TH Place Mount Vernon, WA 98273

> 1370465E LAND TITLE OF SKAGIT COUNTY

DOCUMENT TITLE(S): General Power of Attorney REFERENCE NUMBER(S) OF DOCUMENTS ASSIGNED OR RELEASED: **GRANTOR:** Margaret A. Beecher **GRANTEES:** Lana M. Whisman ABBREVIATED LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot 8, Centennial Grove TAX PARCEL NUMBER(S): 4579-000-008-0007, P100823

GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, Margaret A. Beecher, residing at 2609 N 34th Pl, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, hereby appoint Lana M. Whisman of 2609 N 34th Pl, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, as my Attorney-in-Fact ("Agent").

If the Agent is unable to serve for any reason, I designate Lanty G. Beecher, Jr., of 31104 172nd Ave NE, Arlington, Washington 98223, as my alternate or successor Agent, as the case may be.

My Agent shall have full power and authority to act on my behalf. This power and authority shall authorize my Agent to manage and conduct all of my affairs and to exercise all of my legal rights and powers, including all rights and powers that I may acquire in the future. My Agent's powers shall include, but not be limited to, the power to:

- 1. Open, maintain or close bank accounts (including, but not limited to, checking accounts, savings accounts, and certificates of deposit), brokerage accounts, retirement plan accounts, and other similar accounts with financial institutions.
 - a. Conduct any business with any banking or financial institution with respect to any of my accounts, including, but not limited to, making deposits and withdrawals, obtaining bank statements, passbooks, drafts, money orders, warrants, and certificates or vouchers payable to me by any person, firm, corporation or political entity.
 - b. Perform any act necessary to deposit, negotiate, sell or transfer any note, security, or draft of the United States of America, including U.S. Treasury Securities.
 - c. Have access to any safe deposit box that I might own, including its contents.
- 2. Sell, exchange, buy, invest, or reinvest any assets or property owned by me. Such assets or property may include income producing or non-income producing assets and property.
- 3. Purchase and/or maintain insurance and annuity contracts, including life insurance upon my life or the life of any other appropriate person.
- 4. Take any and all legal steps necessary to collect any amount or debt owed to me, or to settle any claim, whether made against me or asserted on my behalf against any other person or entity.
- 5. Enter into binding contracts on my beha

201008310053 Skagit County Auditor

8/31/2010 Page

2 of

- 6. Exercise all stock rights on my behalf as my proxy, including all rights with respect to stocks, bonds, debentures, commodities, options or other investments.
- 7. Employ professional and business assistance as may be appropriate, including attorneys, accountants, and real estate agents.
- 8. Sell, convey, lease, mortgage, manage, insure, improve, repair, or perform any other act with respect to any of my property (now owned or later acquired) including, but not limited to, real estate and real estate rights (including the right to remove tenants and to recover possession). This includes the right to sell or encumber my homestead legally described as:

Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made part hereof

- 9. Prepare, sign, and file documents with any governmental body or agency, including, but not limited to, authorization to:
 - a. Prepare, sign and file income and other tax returns with federal, state, local, and other governmental bodies.
 - b. Obtain information or documents from any government or its agencies, and negotiate, compromise, or settle any matter with such government or agency (including tax matters).
 - c. Prepare applications, provide information, and perform any other act reasonably requested by any government or its agencies in connection with governmental benefits (including medical, military and social security benefits).
- 10. Make gifts from my assets to members of my family and to such other persons or charitable organizations with whom I have an established pattern of giving, to file state and federal gift tax returns, and to file a tax election to split gifts with my spouse. However, my Agent may not make gifts of my property to the Agent, the Agent's estate or creditors, or the creditors of the Agent's estate. The Agent may not disclaim assets to which I would be entitled, if the result is that the disclaimed assets pass directly or indirectly to the Agent or the Agent's estate. The Agent may not use my assets to discharge any of the Agent's legal obligations of support of another, except me and those I am legally obligated to support. I appoint Lanty G. Beecher, Jr., of 31104 172nd Ave NE, Arlington, Washington 98223, as my substitute Agent for the sole purpose of making gifts of my property to my Agent, as appropriate (unless this substitute Agent is also the Agent).
- 11. Transfer any of my assets to the trustee of any revocable trust created by me, if such trust is in existence at the time of such transfer.
- 12. Disclaim any interest which might otherwise be transferred or distributed to me from

any other person, estate, trust, or other entity, as may be appropriate.

This Power of Attorney shall be construed broadly as a General Power of Attorney. The listing of specific powers is not intended to limit or restrict the general powers granted in this Power of Attorney in any manner.

Any power or authority granted to my Agent under this document shall be limited to the extent necessary to prevent this Power of Attorney from causing: (i) my income to be taxable to my Agent, (ii) my assets to be subject to a general power of appointment by my Agent, or (iii) my Agent to have any incidents of ownership with respect to any life insurance policies that I may own on the life of my Agent.

My Agent shall not be liable for any loss that results from a judgment error that was made in good faith. However, my Agent shall be liable for willful misconduct or the failure to act in good faith while acting under the authority of this Power of Attorney. A successor Agent shall not be liable for acts of a prior Agent.

I authorize my Agent to indemnify and hold harmless any third party who accepts and acts under this document.

My Agent shall be entitled to reasonable compensation for any services provided as my Agent. My Agent shall be entitled to reimbursement of all reasonable expenses incurred in connection with this Power of Attorney.

My Agent shall provide an accounting for all funds handled and all acts performed as my Agent, but only if I so request or if such a request is made by any authorized personal representative or fiduciary acting on my behalf.

This Power of Attorney shall become effective immediately, and shall not be affected by my disability or lack of mental competence, except as may be provided otherwise by an applicable state statute. This is a Durable Power of Attorney. This Power of Attorney shall continue effective until my death. This Power of Attorney may be revoked by me at any time by providing written notice to my Agent.

Dated 14 Sept 04, ____, at Mount Vernon, Washington.

Margaret A. Beecher.

Margaret A. Beecher.

201008310053 **Skagit County Auditor**

8/31/2010 Page

On this 14 day of September, 2004 before me personally appeared Margaret A. Beecher, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he she executed same as his/her/free act and deed. Robbin R Putman Notary Public Robbin R Putman My commission expires 2-16-2006 Notary Address: 324 Pano Care Sedro Woolley ub 98384

8/31/2010 Page

5 of

DESCRIPTION:

Lot 8, "PLAT OF CENTENNIAL GROVE," as per plat recorded in Volume 15 of Plats, page 26, records of Skagit County, Washington.

Situate in the City of Mount Vernon, County of Skagit, State of Washington.



8/31/2010 Page

6 of