

**Skagit County Conservation Futures Program Advisory Board  
(CFAC)**

**Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday March 8, 2016

**Members Attendance**

Scott DeGraw	Mike Hulbert	Wendy Pare
Owen Peth	Andrea Xaver	

**Members Absent**

Steve Sakuma	Keith Wiggers
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**Staff Attendance**

Kara Symonds, Skagit County Public Works  
Linda Christensen, Skagit County Planning & Development Services

The meeting opened at 7:10 a.m.

**Member Update**

Andrea said she heard the Ag Summit was well attended and provided a good educational component. Scott thanked Kara for speaking about the Farmland Legacy Program. This program ranked as a high priority among attendees.

Kara mentioned the documentary recently shown at the Lincoln Theatre, *Milk Men, The Life and Times of Dairy Farmers*. She said it was an excellent showing of a farmers real day on the farm and succession planning.

There were no changes to the agenda.

**January Meeting Minutes**

Andrea moved to approve the January 12, 2016 meeting minutes and Wendy seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Pending Property Review**

Kara said the 2014/2015 pending applications are in various states of process and the Board of County Commissioners signed the first easement this week.

**Ranking**

Today the CFAC will discuss FLP applicants #184, #190, and #191. Kara mentioned that the landowner for #184 has given the ok for the County to apply for the next round of State Recreation & Conservation funding.

The CFAC discussed:

- a) How ranking might be adjusted throughout the year depending on situational score changes
- b) Point assignments for original, core, and edge. Kara mentioned discussing core and edge scores make a good triage conversation for original score points
- c) Threat of conversion (urgency of sale) differences between applicant #184 and #191; the immediate threat for #184 is not as great as #191, though both will receive the same points.
- d) Kara said leveraging funds could be a challenge for #190 due to the existing protected property. This will be amendment to the original easement to allow for an additional development right to the existing development right on this property.

### **Financials**

Kara reported there is no change from the previous report.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.