

**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.