

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

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 9, 2015

Members in Attendance

Scott DeGraw	Mike Hulbert	Carolyn Kelly
Owen Peth	Keith Wiggers	Andrea Xaver

Members Absent

Steve Sakuma

Staff in Attendance

Kara Symonds, Skagit County Public Works
Linda Christensen, Skagit County Planning

Meeting opened at 7:00 a.m.

Member Updates

Andrea spoke about a 20-year oil leak from an oil pipeline pump station near Avon Allen Road and asked if farmland is affected. She is requesting an investigation by the county or the Department of Ecology. Kara will take the county lead.

Carolyn announced that the RCPP grant had a kick-off meeting and there is match funding for one of the FLP applications. This particular application will have a three-way match: Skagit County, Skagitonians to Preserve Farmland, and the RCPP grant.

Scott suggested that the CFAC organize business meetings this fall to strategize with SPF regarding the Pierson property and other joint funding projects, and how the acquisition of these projects with our funding partners should best be completed.

June 30th is the date of the Fir Island Farms Restoration Project kick-off event.

Meeting Minutes

Carolyn moved to approve the March 10 meeting minutes and Keith seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Financial Update

Kara said that conservation easements have been drafted for most of the properties in the queue.

Parcel FLP 183 will become inactive due to unavailable development rights. A conservation easement is still available with no cost to the county. Kara will pursue this possibility.

Mike asked county staff for a legal opinion whether an appraisal is required for non-grant funded easements. This is to be asked to our legal staff and the answer discussed at the next meeting.

The county received an appraisal for FLP 174 and a copy has been sent to the property owner for review.

There was a discussion regarding future property splits and how to identify impervious surface allocations. A general discussion will continue at future meetings.

Kara introduced three new properties to the CFAC and distributed maps. One of the properties is east of Sedro-Woolley and has a CREP. The other two properties are on Fir Island and Cook Road. A brief discussion followed and will continue at a future meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 am. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 14, 2015.