

Skagit County Conservation Futures Program Advisory Board
Meeting Summary
July 14, 2020

Members in Attendance

Steve Sakuma	Scott DeGraw	Wendy Pare
Jim Glackin	Andrea Xaver	Owen Peth

Members Absent

Keith Morrison

Staff and Others in Attendance

Kara Symonds, Skagit County Public Works
Allen Rozema, Skagitonians to Preserve Farmland
Dan Berentson, Skagit County Public Works

Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 AM

Member Update

Andrea shared the weather report from her area. Kara apologized for typing up the phone line incorrectly and will use the same number from here on out so hopefully that won't happen again.

June Meeting Summary

Wendy made a motion to approve with the noted correction; Jim seconded. All in favor.

SPF Meeting Summary

The group discussed the Cook Road Property and SPF reaching out to the property owner to move the discussion forward. The group discussed where the property owner is at in terms of compensation and the various ideas to make up the difference. Allen seeks clear guidance and a County policy on how to deal with negotiated sales, and the policies and procedures for going above appraised value. Dan will work with the Board of County Commissioners and the Prosecuting Attorney's Office to explore the questions and alternatives.

Everyone agrees that this is a high value property, so the challenge will be to translate that to the point system while keeping fair and consistent. Perhaps an ad hoc group could address this. The group shared relevant background on negotiated sale policies from other organizations.

Property Rankings

The group ranked FLP applicant 221, comprising 172 acres and 3 development rights, located near the intersection of La Conner Whitney Road and Chillberg Road. SPF is the applicant agent. The property scored as follows: Original Criteria 52, Core Criteria 58, and Edge Criteria 50.

Property Update

The group reviewed the status of the applicants in the property spreadsheet.

Financial Summary

The group reviewed the status of the 2020 revenues and expenditures to date.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 AM