



Conservation Futures Fund Citizens Advisory Board

MEETING MINUTES

Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Monthly Meeting: 4/3/2025

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order at 10:35AM.

ROLL CALL AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

MEMBERS PRESENT (6):

- Todd Peterson
- Clay Thompson
- Linda Rhodes
- Kathryn Wells
- Karen Scharer
- Brandon Kelley

MEMBERS ABSENT: (0)

STAFF (1):

- Kelly Webb, Conservation Futures Program (CFP) Coordinator

VISITORS PRESENT (4):

- Steve Giles
- Melissa Holme, Whidbey Camano Land Trust, Land Protection Specialist
- Jessica Larson, Whidbey Camano Land Trust, Stewardship Director
- Ryan Elting, Whidbey Camano Land Trust, Executive Director

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Linda requested a change to the Agenda, Kathryn moved, and Clay seconded, and the April 3rd meeting agenda was approved unanimously with the following change:

- The New Business be presented first, and the rest of the agenda be after, so that the guests can leave the meeting after their presentations if they wish.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Whidbey Camano Land Trust (WCLT) provided presentations of their 2025 acquisition applications for the Double Bluff and Holmes Harbor projects:
 - The CAB and the public present asked questions during the presentation, and all questions were answered by the WCLT staff present.

- M&O Evaluation Discussion:
 - The CAB discussed the Parks Department M&O application, and the majority, although not unanimously, agreed to recommend the Parks 2025 M&O application.
 - The CAB will recommend the Parks application be approved at 100% funding with the stipulation that future applications contain specific actions and budget information that relates to the objectives of the CFF/CFP.
 - The CAB discussed the WCLT Keystone ADA trail M&O application and unanimously agreed to recommend the 2025 M&O application at 100% funding.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

- **Kathryn moved, Clay seconded, and the March 6th minutes were unanimously approved.**

REPORT: **Chair (Linda Rhodes) Reported:**

- Linda provided an update on the CAB applications in process.
 - Steve Giles' CAB application is still waiting on BOCC for approval and appointment. Steve would be a District 3 CAB member.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT: **Kelly Webb Reported:**

- CFP 2025 Funding Cycle update:
 - Both acquisition application site visits will occur on April 15th.
 - Departmental Reviews went to DNR and the Planning Department on 3/18/25; they have until April 20th to complete the reviews.
 - CFP will provide a 2025 Funding Cycle update to the BOCC on April 16th at a Work Session.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: No unfinished business.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment

ANNOUNCEMENTS: There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT:

Next Meeting: May 1, 2025

Meeting was adjourned at 12:34 PM.