

CONSERVATION FUTURES FUND  
CITIZENS' ADVISORY BOARD  
PUBLIC MEETING – 18 JUNE 2020

Minutes taken by Don Mason, CFF Program Coordinator, Island County GSA

On Thursday, 18 June, 2020, at 6PM, the Island County Conservation Futures Fund (CFF) Citizens' Advisory Board (CAB) met in a virtual public meeting to discuss the 2020 proposed acquisition projects, to hear an applicant presentation about these projects, and to take public comments regarding these projects.

The public meeting was advertised by a press release to local media sources. The meeting was recorded on digital recording media.

Attendance:

CAB members that attended were:

Todd Peterson  
Susan Bennett  
Kathryn Wells  
Linda Kast Meehan

Island County Staff that attended were:

Don Mason, IC GSA, CFF Program Coordinator

Applicant representatives that attended were:

Jonathan Decker, Whidbey Camano Land Trust  
Ryan Elting, Whidbey Camano Land Trust

Public present:

Douglas Wiercinski

Approval of the 2019 Minutes:

Don Mason presented the 2019 CAB Public Meeting Minutes (attached) which the CAB unanimously approved.

Approval of the Agenda:

Don Mason presented a Draft Agenda (attached) for the public meeting which the CAB unanimously approved.

Election of CAB officers:

The CAB members elected Susan Bennett as Chair of the 2020 CAB and Kathryn Wells as Vice-Chair.

Presentation of IC Department of Natural Resources Evaluation report and IC Planning and Community Development Review.

Presentation process:

1. Applicants delivered a presentation about each project.
2. The CAB offered opportunity for public comment after each presentation. No public comment was offered for either project.
3. The CAB asked questions of applicants for clarification.
  - Hun Wetland Acquisition Project – WCLT
    - Presented by: Jonathan Decker
  - Kristoferson Farm and Forest Conservation Easement Acquisition Project – WCLT
    - Presented by: Ryan Elting

CAB discussions and recommendation to the County Commissioners (BOCC):

The CAB discussed each of the projects by using the Acquisition Project Selection Criteria and reached consensus to recommend all of the projects to the BOCC. The CAB ranked the projects as:

1. Kristoferson Farm and Forest
2. Hun Wetland

The CAB designated the Vice-Chair, Kathryn Wells, to prepare the 2020 recommendation to the BOCC and to present the recommendation at a future Commissioners' public meeting if needed.