



MEETING AGENDA CLALLAM COUNTY CONSERVATION FUTURES PROGRAM ADVISORY BOARD

**223 East 4th Street, Room 160
Port Angeles, Washington
September 8, 2021 – 1 p.m.**

****ATTENTION****

In response to the current Governors order Clallam County is now operating under the Washington Ready Plan. To be in compliance with the Washington Ready Plan and to reduce the spread of COVID the following general requirements for COVID safety for meetings held in the Board of Commissioners Board Room are as follows:

1. All attendees are encouraged to provide contact information on a sign in sheet which will be retained for 28 days for contact tracing purposes.
2. Public seating areas and Board member seating must be arranged to ensure physical distancing is maintained.
3. Meeting attendees must follow current face covering guidelines.
4. No food or drink should be consumed in the BOCC Board Room.
5. Meeting organizers shall clean or arrange to have cleaned high-touch surfaces before and after each meeting.
6. Hand sanitizing stations will be available in the BOCC Board Room.
7. Keep doors and windows open where possible to improve ventilation.
8. The Chair of the meeting shall ensure current masking and social distancing practices are enforced and practiced by all event attendees.

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CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL

REQUEST FOR MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT – Please limit comments to three minutes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes August 11, 2021

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

BUSINESS ITEMS

- Operational Policies
- Applicants Guide

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ADJOURNMENT

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Conservation Futures 2021 meeting dates:

- October 5, 2021
- November 10, 2021
- December 8, 2021

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August 11, 2021



CLALLAM COUNTY CONSERVATION FUTURES PROGRAM ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES of August 11, 2021

MEETING OF THE CONSERVATION FUTURES PROGRAM ADVISORY BOARD

Chair Ricardo Fleischfresser called the special meeting to order at 1 p.m., Wednesday, August 11, 2021. Also present were Susan Bliven, Tom Sanford (video), Diane Chung, Myles Cowan (video), Christia Skerbeck (video), Clea Rome, Cathy Lear and Jennifer Bond. Ruth Jenkins, Robert Knapp and Commissioner Ozias were absent.

REQUEST FOR MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION TAKEN: Fleischfresser moved to adopt the agenda as presented, no objection, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, commented on criteria document discussed at the BOCC Work Session

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- July 14, 2021

Fleischfresser requested to correct the last word under the chair report from criteria to read conservation futures priorities.

ACTION TAKEN: Fleischfresser moved to approve as modified, no objection; motion carried

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Chair report

Fleischfresser updated the CF Board on the presentation given to the Board of County Commissioners at their work session on Monday, August 9, 2021.

Fleischfresser commented that he will not be at the meeting in September. He has previously asked Jenkins to chair the meeting. If Jenkins cannot chair the meeting Chung has stated she can fill in.

BUSINESS ITEMS

- Priorities and Criteria for Conservation Futures Farmland Funding

CF Board members held discussion regarding conservation easement perpetuity.

- Conservation Futures Policies discussion

Fleischfresser reported that policies were mentioned in previous meetings. He stated that the list is not complete and can be amended as things come up. He plans to put everything in writing for better understanding for the next meeting. CF Board members held discussion regarding policies.

- Applicants Guide

Fleischfresser requested a volunteer to put together a draft application packet. Bliven volunteered to create a draft. Fleischfresser stated the draft application would be reviewed in the next couple meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, commented on criteria, grants, agriculture, forest lands, easement perpetuity, website information

NEXT MEETING – September 8, 2021 at 1 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting concluded at 2:29 p.m.

Conservation Futures

Operational Policies

Conservation Futures Operational Policies

These policies are devised to guide in the acceptance and evaluation of Applications for Funding of Conservation Futures Grants.

- 1) While the value of a property under evaluation for funding may include the value of structures, and may enhance the overall possibility of funding through the CF criteria, funding will be directed only to the acquisition/interest in farmland.
- 2) Conservation Easements will be considered whether they are in Perpetuity or Term, yet the application of CF criteria, funding and leveraging will be significantly curtailed for the term easement applications.
- 3) CF will seek to maximize leveraging with other Conservation funding sources, yet the methods and terms of leveraging will be contractual on a case by case evaluation.
- 4) When there is imminent risk of loss of a conservation opportunity, CF will reimburse monies expended on the acquisition or interest in farmland for projects that have been approved but for which funding had not yet been disbursed.

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Applicants Guide

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CLALLAM COUNTY
CONSERVATION FUTURES PROGRAM
223 EAST 4TH STREET, ROOM 160
PORT ANGELES, WASHINGTON

Application for the purchase of development rights and conservation easement funded by the
Conservation Futures Property Tax, Ordinance No.969

Instructions to the Applicant

- Please answer all questions as fully as possible.
- You may attach additional sheets if necessary to fully answer a question.
- Please attach copies of all deeds, surveys and lot certifications which describe the property
- If any item is inapplicable, please mark it "N/A".
- This is an application to sell or donate development rights and place a conservation easement on the property. After sale of the development rights and approval of the conservation easement, the only permitted use of the land will be agricultural.
- Together with this application, you should have received the following information:
 1. Site Selection Criteria
 2. Conservation Easement Template
- Your Conservation Easement contact person is and can be reached atfor future questions.

Send the completed application to the Conservation Futures Program address listed above, or scan completed application to.....

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A. APPLICANT INFORMATION—OWNER(S) OF THE LAND

1. Legal Name: _____

2. Mailing Address: _____

3. Property Address, if different from mailing address: _____

4. Telephone: _____

5. Email Address: _____

6. Farm Name, Corporate or Business Name: _____

7. Type of legal entity:

- ☐ individual
- ☐ corporation incorporated in the State of
- ☐ general partnership created in the State of
- ☐ limited partnership created in the State of
- ☐ limited liability company created in the State of

8. Contact Person at Applicant's Organization:

Legal Name _____

Mailing address _____

Telephone/Fax/Email _____

9. Applicants Legal Counsel (if applicable)

10. Applicants Accountant (if applicable)

Are there any material facts or circumstances (e.g. pending litigation, bankruptcy, etc.) relating to any of the parties to the proposed transaction which have not been describe and may potentially affect the transaction? ☐ Yes ☐ N

If Yes, please explain: _____

B. PROPERTY INFORMATION

1. Is the property in within the Agricultural Retention Zone?
() Yes () No

What is the proximity to other farmland under conservation?

2. Please attach a legal description of the land, recent title report, and copies of any survey maps of the property. (Size and shape)

3. Are there any water rights associated with the parcels? () Yes () No

4 Please indicate the percentage of “prime soil”, as defined by the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service, on the property:

() 0-49% () 50-75% () 76-100%

5. Please describe the agricultural use of the land, including number of livestock, general description of crops or specialty crops etc.

6. Please identify all soil and water conservation practices and plans in effect on the property.

Please identify any conservation practices that address future climate change.

7. Please identify all residences and buildings on the property.

8. Please give a brief history of the property & benefits to the community:

Please describe how the community has supported the ongoing agricultural use of this property.

C. VIABILITY OF PROPOSAL

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1. Are there any anticipated or pending offers to purchase the land and convert it to a non-agricultural use; or any other reason to believe you land is under immediate threat of conversion?

() Yes () No

If Yes, please describe: _____

2. Are you willing to receive other monies from other funding sources as well as the Conservation Futures Fund? () Yes () No

3. What is the annual gross income from the sale of current agricultural products produced on this land?

Please attach Business Plan.

4. How long have you been farming and/or plan to continue farming this property into the future?

Please attach Farm Plan for expected use of this property.

D. APPLICATION AGREEMENT

It is understood that the above information is submitted in good faith, based on present expectations of the Applicant, to aid the Conservation Futures Advisory Board of Clallam County in its consideration of this application for the sale of a conservation easement.

This information in this application and supporting documents is true and complete to the best of my/our knowledge and is submitted for the purpose of the sale of a conservation easement. I/We understand that this application is subject to review by the Conservation Futures Advisory Board and the Board of Clallam County Commissioners in order to properly evaluate and process this application.

Dated at _____, on the _____ day of _____, 20____
(City) (State)

Name and Signature of Landowner

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