



CLALLAM COUNTY CONSERVATION FUTURES PROGRAM ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES of June 9, 2021

MEETING OF THE CONSERVATION FUTURES PROGRAM ADVISORY BOARD

Chair Ricardo Fleischfresser called the special meeting to order at 1 p.m., Wednesday, June 9, 2021. Also present were Ruth Jenkins, Myles Cowan, Susan Bliven, Tom Sanford, Diane Chung, Clea Rome and Mark Ozias (video). Mike Auguer, Cathy Lear and Jennifer Bond were absent.

REQUEST FOR MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chung requested to correct the spelling of her last name on the second page from Chang to Chung. Sanford noted that he did not make the last motion on the second page. Jenkins noted she can make the motion and Chung can second.

ACTION TAKEN: Fleischfresser moved to approve as modified, Jenkins seconded; motion carried

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Chair report

Fleischfresser discussed asking the local Tribes if they wanted to have representatives on the Conservation Futures Program Advisory Board. Clerk Gores noted that the Tribes have been contacted by the Board of Commissioners Office (BOCC) and one response was received by the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe. Gores commented the BOCC staff will follow-up after the meeting to contact the Tribes again.

BUSINESS ITEMS

- Establish evaluation criteria for prospective Conservation Futures Grants.

Fleischfresser provided opening remarks regarding establishing evaluation criteria. Conservation Futures (CF) Board discussed the document provided by Fleischfresser regarding "CF Priorities until December 31st, 2030" (see attached). CF Board came to a consensus to approve the following 3 CF priorities:

- Preservation of Viable Producing Farmlands within Clallam County as per Definition in RCW 84.34.020
- Preservation of Viable, but currently non producing Farmlands in Clallam County
- Preservation and access to viable water sources critical to farming operations

Fleischfresser requested that Gores submit a legal action request to the Prosecuting Attorney's Office to have a review of the 3 CF priorities to make sure the language is in line with the Ordinance and County Code.

CF Board discussed the document provided by Fleischfresser regarding "Criteria for Selection of Projects for CF Funding" (see attached). Rome handed out a criteria suggestions document (see attached). CF Board members decided to review at home and send any comments to Gores. Fleischfresser will take all comments and draft a new document for criteria. Discussion will be held at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mark Ozias, complimented the CF Board on their efforts.

NEXT MEETING – July 14, 2021 at 1 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting concluded at 2:57 p.m.