



Conservation Futures Fund Citizen's Advisory Board

MEETING MINUTES

Citizen's Advisory Board Monthly Meeting: 4/4/2024

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting is called to order at 4:07PM.

ROLL CALL AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

MEMBERS PRESENT (6):

- Susan Bennett
- Karen Scharer
- Linda Rhodes
- Kathryn Wells
- Todd Peterson
- Michele Kahrs

VISITORS PRESENT (4):

- Kelly Webb, CFF Coordinator
- Lauren McCaskill, Land Protection Specialist, Whidbey Camano Land Trust
- Jessica Larson, Stewardship Director, Whidbey Camano Land Trust
- Kurt Schlimme, Conservation Director, Whidbey Camano Land Trust

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Karen moved, Todd seconded, and the agenda was approved unanimously.

REPORT: **Chair (Kathryn Wells) Reported:**

- Kathryn outlined the purpose of the meeting.
- The March and April meeting minutes will be discussed and approved at the May meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Whidbey Camano Land Trust presented their 2024 project application and answered several questions.
 - The application is for \$10,000.00 to purchase an easement that will be the setting for the future construction of an educational pavilion and two ADA trails on the Land Trust's Keystone Preserve
 - The Land Trust has a goal of 2025 for completion of the trail and pavilion
 - There is still an outstanding question about utilizing CFF funds for the pavilion
 - Kelly will clarify
 - The answer to this however does not affect this 2024 easement application
 - The Land Trust is using ADA experts and volunteers for the planning and construction of trail

- The primary Island County partner is Island County Public Works
- The Land Trust is in conversation with several tribes to include indigenous cultural aspects and tribal access to the Keystone Preserve. The cultural aspects will be viewable from the trail and pavilion
- There is not a bus stop at the Keystone Preserve (it will be a walk to the Preserve from the nearest stop) so the Land Trust is working with Island Transit to get para-bus stops to the Keystone parking lot in the future.
- **The CAB voted to recommend the WCLT 2024 Keystone Preserve Application for full funding and begin writing the BOCC Recommendation Report. Karen moved, Susan seconded, and it was approved with the caveat that the County Technical Staff Reports did not have any objections.**
- Linda volunteered to write the CAB Recommendation Report
 - Kelly and Kathryn will provide her with templates and previous report examples.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- CAB Members announcements, questions, concerns: There were no announcements or questions.
 - Susan will be unable to make the May meeting.
 - Todd disclosed that he is the new President of the Organic Farm School Board

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 5:43PM.