

**PDR Oversight Committee
Meeting Summary
January 22, 2021**

Start Time:	8:30 a.m.
Location:	Northwest Annex, Central Conference Room, 5280 Northwest Drive Bellingham- Only One Staff Member on site- Others are Remote

Meeting Highlights
There were 9 people in attendance (4 of the 7 voting members; 1 PDS staff member; 1 PW staff member; 1 Contributing Member; and 2 Guests).

Attendees – Members	Affiliation	Present
Brar, Jagjiwan	Producer	<input type="checkbox"/>
D’Agnolo, Sean	Producer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Glyzinski, Jen	Real Estate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mackay-Brown, Heather	Incorporated, Non-farmer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Neely, Burr	Unincorporated, Non-Farmer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Schissler, Paul	Farm Supporting Business	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
VACANT	Producer	<input type="checkbox"/>

Quorum Present	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
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Attendees – Ex-Official/Contributing	Affiliation	Present
Chris Elder	PW	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Alex Jeffers	WLT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Henry Bierlink	AWB	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Attendees - Staff	Present	Attendees	Present
Becky Snijder van Wissenkerke	X		

Others Present - Remote		
Michael Scisco- Unique Places	Kate Lenzer- Unique Places	

Determination of a Quorum/ Welcome

We have a Quorum.

Public Comments

No public comments at this time.

Announcements

Becky announced that there is still a vacancy for a farmer position on the Committee.

Becky summarized the items to be presented to Council on January 26th. Items include a presentation of the PDR Program including ranked applicant list, a proposed resolution to confirm ranking and purchase six conservation easements, an updated contract with Whatcom Land Trust for easement monitoring, and two RCO grant agreements needing signature.

Approval of Minutes - December

Paul motioned to approve the December meeting minutes. Heather seconded. **The motion passed with all in favor.**

Discussion Items/Business

Elect Officers

Postponed until the February meeting.

2021 Supplemental Budget Request For Contracting

The Committee discussed ideas for additional contracted services in 2021. Committee members expressed interest in focusing on outreach. Ideas for outreach discussed included reaching out to key organizations, focusing on Drainage Base Management Planning watersheds (Bertrand/Schneider Creeks, South Fork Nooksack River, and Drayton Harbor), and utilizing social media, website, and video.

Becky expressed interest in focusing on grant consulting, which would include compiling a list of applicable grants and assistance with grant applications. Becky will work with Unique Places (current consultant) to define scope and will prepare a supplemental budget request.

Discuss Conservation Futures Fund Use

Becky shared a discussion had at a meeting with the City of Bellingham regarding the potential to use Conservation Futures Funds to contribute to the City's wetland mitigation bank, specifically the Squalicum Ranch property that is a current PDR Program applicant. The Committee expressed interest in receiving more information about the mitigation bank. The Committee also stated the need to look at a larger scale (all watersheds in Whatcom County) when determining where to invest funds for a mitigation bank.

Becky gave an overview of PDR Program costs, grant funding, and Conservation Futures Funds expended through the PDR Program over the last 19 years. The Committee identified a need for a process for Conservation Futures Fund use, since multiple programs are looking to use the funds. Paul volunteered to review Conservation Futures Fund processes in place and provide an update at the February meeting.

Joint AAC/PDROC Meeting

Becky announced the Agricultural Advisory Committee's (AAC) interest in holding a joint AAC/PDROC meeting to discuss agricultural mitigation. Four PDROC members (Heather, Jen, Sean, and Paul) agreed to attend, so a PDROC quorum will be present. Becky will post a special meeting notice. The meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2021 from 4-6pm during the regularly schedule AAC meeting.

Review PDR Application Form

The Committee reviewed the PDR application form. Becky shared her proposed revisions and the Committee made suggestions.

Future Agenda Items

- Elect Officers
- Review Low-Income Assistance Policy
- Conservation Futures Fund Process
- Strategy for Outreach

Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for Friday, February 26, 2021, 8:30-10:00 AM. This will be an online meeting only.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.