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**MEETING MINUTES  
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON  
COUNTY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023**

**Legislative Hearing Room, 55 Second Street, Friday Harbor, WA**

**09:10 AM CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE**

Council Chair Wolf called the meeting to order at 09:00 AM, due to technical issues the meeting was paused until **9:32 AM** and called back into order. Present: Council Members Cindy Wolf, Jane Fuller, and Christine Minney; Deputy County Manager Mark Tompkins, and Clerk to the Council Sally Rogers.

**Approval of Agenda:**

**MOVED by Ms. Minney, seconded by Ms. Fuller to approve the San Juan County Council agenda as amended. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED**

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

**MOVED by Ms. Minney, seconded by Ms. Fuller, to approve the Consent Agenda of Tuesday, February 7, 2023. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**Approval of Correspondence:**

- Letter supporting a grant ask for the Friday Harbor Library
- Letter in support of postal service for Shaw Island
- Letter in support of HB1436/SB5311 Special Education funding
- Letter in support of increase to the Governor’s proposed budget for PSAR Large Capital Programs and Historic Courthouse Renovation projects

**MOVED by Ms. Minney, seconded by Ms. Fuller, to approve the following letters of support; A grant ask for the Friday Harbor Library, Letter in support of postal services for Shaw Island, letter in support of Special Education funding, HB1436/SB5311 and a letter in support of PSAR Large Capital Programs and Historic Courthouse Renovation projects.**

**Proclamation: San Juan County Council proclaimed on this 7th day of February 2023: Proclaiming the Southern Resident Killer Whales San Juan County urges our State and Federal governments to deepen their commitment to restoring the bounty of the Salish Sea and gratefully supports actions taken by State, Federal and Tribal governments that secure and effectuate the rights of the Southern Resident Killer Whales and of the ecosystems upon which they depend.**

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46 Frances Robertson, San Juan County Marine Program Manager, gave a presentation to  
47 Council of the work Environmental Stewardship has done over the last few years, and  
48 coordination with other agencies regarding the protection of the Southern Resident Killer  
49 Whales and answered Council's questions.

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51 **Public Comments:** Janet Thomas, Lovel Pratt and Ghim Sim Chua (via telephone) provided  
52 comments to the Council.

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54 **10:00 AM PUBLIC HEARING:**

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56 **Present:** Full Council, Deputy County Manager Mark Tompkins, Clerk to the Council Sally  
57 Rogers.

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59 Cindy Wolf opened the public hearing to adopt the Ordinance. Charlie Benke, Land Bank  
60 Steward, presented the Ordinance and answered Council's questions.

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63 **MOVED by Ms. Minney, seconded by Ms. Fuller to approve a Resolution Authorizing a**  
64 **Multi-Year Lease of the Coffelt Farm Property on Orcas Island for Agricultural**  
65 **Purposes. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

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67 **10:10 AM DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Approve a Resolution pertaining to the purchase of  
68 Property on Lopez for Public Works purposes.

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70 **10:37 AM**  
71 **MOVED by Ms. Minney, seconded by Ms. Wolf to approve a Resolution Authorizing the**  
72 **purchase of Property on Lopez for Public Works purposes. VOTE: 2.1 (Fuller**  
73 **opposed.) A re-vote was taken; it was moved by Ms. Minney and seconded by Ms. Wolf,**  
74 **VOTE: 2.1 (Fuller opposed.)**

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76 **10:50 AM**  
77 **Chair Wolf discovered the need to open public testimony for the public hearing held**  
78 **earlier at 10 AM. No public testimony was offered. Public testimony was opened.**

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80 **Chair Wolf closed public testimony with the right to reopen. Council took the following**  
81 **action:**

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83 **MOVED by Ms. Minney, seconded by Ms. Fuller to approve that the County Manager is**  
84 **authorized to execute a lease agreement as presented and attached as Exhibit B. ALL**  
85 **AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

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87 **MOVED by Ms. Minney, seconded by Ms. Fuller to approve a Resolution Authorizing a**  
88 **Multi-Year Lease of the Coffelt Farm Property on Orcas Island for Agricultural**  
89 **Purposes and that all proceeds from the lease shall be credited to the Land Bank's**  
90 **Conservation Area Fund or Stewardship Fund. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

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92 **10:57 AM DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Prosecuting Attorney Staffing Request.

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94 **MOVED by Ms. Minney, seconded by Ms. Fuller to approve the staffing changes as**  
95 **presented by the Prosecuting Attorney Amy Vira. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**  
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97 **11:00 AM PRESENTATION:** San Juan Island Conservation District and the Voluntary  
98 Stewardship Program, Paul Anderson gave a presentation and answered  
99 Council's questions.

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101 **11:30 AM COUNCIL MEMBER & COUNTY MANAGER UPDATES:**

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103 Council Update:

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105 **Ms. Minney:** Has attending the following: Land Bank interviews for candidates for the vacant  
106 positions on the Land Bank Commission, Argyle Lots RFQ discussion, met with SJI  
107 constituents over the last few weeks on specific issues, WSAC board meetings, Legislative  
108 Steering Committee, and the Orcas Island Newly Elected Meet and Greet event. Future  
109 meetings to come in Olympia next week.

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111 **Ms. Fuller:** Has attended the following: Meetings with constituents, site visit to Lopez Solid  
112 Waste Disposal District, School Districts, Mr. Tompkins and Mr. Uri regarding health  
113 commissions and committees. Future meeting; Regional Transportation.

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115 **Ms. Wolf:** Has attended the following: Participation in the kick-off meeting for the Eelgrass  
116 and Kelp Recovery Plan with the Governor's Advisory Process, Marine Resources Committee  
117 Meeting, listening session for the Agricultural Resources on Orcas Island, a session with the  
118 Department of Community Development on Orcas Island regarding tree and forest density.  
119 Future scheduling: Talks with OPALCO for interagency cooperation on grants requests,  
120 scheduling a special meeting on March 2<sup>nd</sup> for the Department of Emergency Management  
121 coordinated meeting with agencies that responded to the Aleutian Isle Oil Spill event from  
122 August of 2022, Ecosystem Coordination Board to come to SJI on May 18<sup>th</sup>, The Washington  
123 State Department of Transportation coming to SJI on June 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> to have a regional  
124 meeting and Northwest Straits Commission for a SJI meeting on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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126 County Manager Update:

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128 **Mr. Tompkins:** Stated in the interest of time, he will defer comment to the next Board of  
129 Health meeting.

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131 Legislative Update:

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133 **Ms. Minney:** Attending the following: WSAC Board of Director's meeting, Legislative Steering  
134 Committee legislative meetings regarding bills for, permitting regulation and/or policy,  
135 proposed transit and parking standards. Discussion for Council's process to support various  
136 legislative protocol; communications, tracking and priorities as individual members or as a  
137 whole council.

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139 **Ms. Fuller:** Discussion for Council's process to support various legislative protocol;  
140 communications, tracking and priorities as individual members or as a whole council.

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**Ms. Wolf:** Discussion for Council’s process to support various legislative protocol; communications, tracking and priorities as individual members or as a whole council.

**12:40 PM**

**Ms. Rogers:**

Advisory Committee Appointments/ Reappointments:

- Appoint Steve Ulvi to the Housing Advisory Committee
- Appoint Aaron Boyles and Craig Smith to the Marine Resources Committee
- Appoint Tom McDonough to the Orcas Island Library Board
- Appointment of members to the Voluntary Stewardship Program; Byron Rot, Dean Dougherty, Grant Carlton, Laura Pitts, Pauline Chiquet
- Appoint Dan Vekved to the Eastsound Review and Planning Committee
- Re-appoint Jennifer Swanson to the Ferry Advisory Committee
- Appoint Marilyn O’Connor to the Land Bank Conservation Commission, District 1/Position 1
- Appoint Amy Trainer to the Land Bank Conservation Commission, Position of At-Large #6

**MOVED by Ms. Minney, seconded by Ms. Fuller to appoint Steve Ulvi to the Housing Advisory Committee,**

**MOVED by Ms. Minney, seconded by Ms. Fuller to appoint Aaron Boyles and Craig Smith to the Marine Resources Committee,**

**MOVED by Ms. Minney, seconded by Ms. Fuller to appoint Tom McDonough to the Orcas Island Library Board,**

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**MOVED by Ms. Minney, seconded by Ms. Fuller to appoint Marilyn O’Connor to the Land Bank Conservation Commission, District 1/Position 1,**

**MOVED by Ms. Minney, seconded by Ms. Fuller to appoint Amy Trainer to the Land Bank Conservation Commission, Position of At-Large #6.**

**01:00 RECESS**

**EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSIONS**

**02:00 PM**

187 Council Wolf announced that the Council would be holding an executive session estimated to  
188 last one and a half hours in total to discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential litigation  
189 pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

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191 **Present:** Council, Prosecuting Attorney Amy Vira, Deputy County Manager Mark Tompkins.

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193 The session ended at 3:30 PM for a total executive session time of 1 hour and 30 minutes.

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195 **No Action was taken.**

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197 Chair Minney adjourned the executive sessions, reconvened the regular meeting and  
198 reconvened/adjourned the meeting.

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200 **3:30 PM ADJOURN**

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202 Chair Wolf adjourned the meeting.

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206 **COUNTY COUNCIL**  
207 **SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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227 ATTEST: Clerk to the Council

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229 By: \_\_\_\_\_ 6/6/2023  
230 Sally Rogers Date:

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234 Minutes approved by San Juan County Council on June 6, 2023.