

**Skagit County Conservation Futures Program Advisory Committee
(CFAC)**

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 10, 2011

Members in attendance:

Carolyn Kelly, Chair
Andrea Xaver
Scott DeGraw

Keith Wiggers
Alan Merritt
Mike Hulbert

Member Absent

Dave Hedlin

Staff in Attendance:

Kendra Smith, Skagit County
Linda Christensen, Skagit County
Gary Christensen, Skagit County

Other Attendees:

Dennis Canty, American Farmland Trust
Don Stuart, American Farmland Trust

Open

Meeting opened at 7:05 a.m.

There was no member update and no changes to the agenda.

The meeting minutes for April 12th were reviewed. Alan moved and Scott seconded to approve.
The motion passed.

Strategic Plan Update

Don gave a brief overview of the draft proposal and noted that the land use zoning tools are already available to us in Skagit County.

Gary spoke about the concern of AG NRL losses and replacing with marginal lands. Carolyn wants to look at the current clustering program in the near future. Don mentioned that Skagit County might consider CCPI funding which is a new funding through USDA. It sets priorities in conservation incentives for eased properties. Alan asked about private industry funding that could partner with the Farmland Legacy Program. Gary mentioned a taxation program and has a sustainability program that can last for 10 years. He also mentioned the green belt plan as another funding source.

The CFAC reviewed the scoring criteria and is interested to hear public input during the public workshop, May 12th.

Dennis reviewed the agenda for the public workshop.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Submitted by: 
Linda Christensen

Approved by the CFAC Board on:


Chair Carolyn Kelly