

**Skagit County Conservation Futures Program Advisory Committee  
(CFAC)  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, August 10, 2010**

**Members in attendance:**

Carolyn Kelly, Chair	Scott DeGraw
Andrea Xaver	Alan Merritt
Mike Hulbert	Keith Wiggers

**Members not in Attendance**

Dave Hedlin

**Staff in Attendance:**

Kendra Smith, Skagit County  
Linda Christensen, Skagit County Planning

**Open**

The meeting was called to order 7:15 a.m.

**Meeting Minutes Approval for July 2010**

There was a motion by Allen Merritt and seconded by Mike Hulbert to approve the July 13 and July 21, 2010 meeting minutes. With no further discussion, the motion passed.

**Old Business**

**USDA**

Kendra Smith updated the CFAC regarding the current USDA reimbursement process which should be completed in the next couple of weeks.

**Easements in Process**

Kendra Smith reported that five easements have completed the County signature process. These properties are currently on hold in escrow at Land Title Company.

**Bargain and Discretionary Scoring**

The CFAC discussed and reviewed the meaning of Bargain and Discretionary scoring points and criteria.

**New Business**

Kendra Smith spoke about the agriculture property values in the County.

**Strategic Planning**

The CFAC discussed the plan required to get started on the Strategic Planning grant and hiring a facilitator. It was decided that the CFAC would receive questions from Kendra

Smith and a sample Request for Qualifications to review. The RFQ must be established and sent out to possible applicants prior to September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Preliminary thoughts from the CFAC consisted of the following:

- Hire a facilitator that is familiar with current land use.
- Hire someone who works well with people and can bring together ideas without a technical component.
- Bring in resources that have access to strategic expertise. Possibly these resources can participate in future planning meetings and build their ideas into our strategic plan.

**Adjournment**

Chair Carolyn Kelly adjourned the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

Submitted by: Linda Christensen  
Linda Christensen

Approved by the CFAC Board on 9/14/0  
Carolyn Kelly  
Chair Carolyn Kelly