

BEFORE THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION

Applicant: Cora Palmer

Address: 5654 Hoogdal Branch Road
Sedro Wooley, WA 98284

File No: C/U OS F&A Conservation Land App #18-2018

Request: To transfer a 38.42 acres from Farm and Agriculture to
Current Use Open Space Farm and Agricultural Conservation

Location: Portion of NE1/4SW1/4 Sec. 35, T36N, R4E, W.M.

Assessor's No: Portion of P50714

Public Hearing: After reviewing the report of the Assessor's Office, the Hearing
Examiner conducted a public hearing on February 27, 2019.

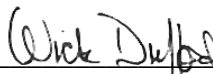
Recommendation: Approval

FINDINGS

1. Cora Palmer requests the transfer of property from Farm and Agriculture to Current Use Open Space Farm and Agricultural Conservation. The applicant is owner of the property.
2. The property is located at 5654 Hoogdal Branch Road, within NE1/4SW1/4 Sec. 35, T36N, R4E, W.M. The property is a portion of Assessor's Account # P50714.
3. The property is traditional farmland that does not now meet the requirement for gross commercial agricultural income. The request is to place 38.42 acres in conservation status, preserving the option to return the land to active farming at some future time.
4. The property was previously used for cattle, sheep and horses. The intention is to return the acreage to full farm and agriculture status with rental income.
5. The hearing was held after due notice. Submitted exhibits were admitted. There was no public testimony and there were no written comments.
6. The Examiner finds that the property meets the definition of the classification sought.
7. The Staff recommends approval. The Examiner concurs with Staff.

RECOMMENDATION

The Examiner recommends approval of the application.



Wick Dufford, Hearing Examiner

Date: March 11, 2019

Copies transmitted to Applicant, Assessor's Office and County Commissioners:
March 11, 2019

Attachment: Staff Report and Exhibits