

**Whatcom County
Council Natural Resources Committee**

COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee Minutes - Final

VIRTUAL MEETING - ENDS NO LATER THAN 10:50 A.M.

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

9:30 AM

Virtual Meeting

COUNCILMEMBERS

Barry Buchanan
Todd Donovan
Ben Elenbaas

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

Call To Order

Committee Member Todd Donovan called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. in a virtual meeting.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Todd Donovan, Ben Elenbaas and Barry Buchanan

Absent: None

Also Present: Rud Browne, Tyler Byrd, and Carol Frazey

Special Order of Business

1. [AB2021-071](#) Nomination and appointment of committee chair

Buchanan moved that Donovan be NOMINATED AND APPOINTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 2 - Donovan and Buchanan

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Temp Absent: 1 - Elenbaas

Donovan was appointed as committee chair and continued the meeting.

Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council

1. [AB2021-029](#) Resolution affirming the PDR Oversight Committee ranking and authorizing Whatcom County Purchase and Development Rights Program Administrator and Whatcom County Executive to proceed with the acquisition of conservation easements on the Lakeland Foundation, Jones-Bishop, Martin, VanderWerff, Kiera-Duffy Forestry, and Kiera-Duffy Ecological applications

Becky Snijder van Wissenkerke, Planning and Development Services Department, gave a presentation and answered questions. She and Councilmembers discussed having more detailed information on the parcels through maps, funding, how parcels are ranked, and adjusting the scoring mechanism in the future to reflect how the PDR program has evolved over time.

Buchanan moved that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 2 - Donovan and Buchanan

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 1 - Elenbaas

Committee Discussion

1. [AB2021-064](#) Discussion of the Summary of Observed Trends and Projected Climate Impacts, 2020

The following people presented and answered questions:

- Ellyn Murphy, Climate Impact Advisory Committee Chair
- Chris Elder, Public Works Department
- Gary Stoyka, Public Works Department

This agenda item was DISCUSSED.

Items Added by Revision

There were no agenda items added by revision.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

Todd Donovan-via email 1/29/2021

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Todd Donovan, Committee Chair

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