

Regular Business Meeting ~

The Washington State Conservation Commission (Commission/SCC) met virtually as well as in- person on Thursday, December 5, 2024, in Spokane, Washington. Chair Larry Cochran called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Note: All meeting materials can be found on our [meetings webpage](#). You will find the meeting packet with background information, presentations and past meeting information.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Larry Cochran, Chair, Elected eastern region rep.
Cherie Kearney, Vice-chair, Governor Appointee
Brook Beeler, Department of Ecology
Dean Longrie, Elected west region
Wade Troutman, Elected central region
(online)
Jim Kropf, Washington State University (online)
Amy McKay Washington Association of Conservation
Districts
Karen Zirkle, Department of Natural Resources

Quorum present.

COMMISSION STAFF PRESENT

James Thompson, Executive Director
Alicia McClendon, Administrative Assistant
Brian Cochran, Habitat and Monitoring Coord.
Jean Fike, Puget Sound Regional Manager
Jodi Prout, Education & Outreach
Kaisha Walker, Administrative Assistant
Kate Delavan, Policy Director
Lori Gonzalez, Executive Assistant
Paige DeChambeau, Communications Director
Sarah Groth, Chief Financial Officer
Sarah Wilcox, Communications
Shana Joy, District Operations Manager

PARTNERS REPRESENTED

Angie Reseland, Dept of Fish and Wildlife
Chevelle Yeckel, WA Association of Conservation Districts
Nick Peak, EPA Region 10 (online)
Roylene Comes at Night, Natural Resources Conservation
Service
Tom Salzer, WA Association of Conservation Districts

All other guests are listed in the following attachments:

Attachment A - in-person sign in sheet
Attachment B – online attendance sheet

ACTION MINUTES TAKEN

Meeting opened with Kaisha Walker taking commissioner roll call. A quorum was announced as present. Following commissioner roll call, introductions were done for guests who attended the meeting in person as well as online.

Chair Cochran asked if there were any additions or corrections needed to be made to the agenda. There were none.

CONSENT AGENDA

Draft September 19, 2024 Business Meeting Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Longrie to approve the September 19, 2024 business meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Beeler. Motion passed.

Executive Director Out of State Travel Approval

Motion by Commissioner Longrie to approve the SCC executive director, Chair and Vice Chair to attend the NACD Annual Meeting, February 8-12, 2025 in Salt Lake City, UT. Seconded by Commissioner Zirkle. Motion passed. *Commissioner McKay abstained.*

COMMISSION OPERATIONS

Nomination of Chair and Vice Chair

Motion by Commissioner Longrie to re-elect Larry Cochran as SCC Chair, and Cherie Kearney as Vice Chair. Seconded by Commissioner Zirkle. Motion passed.

Revised Draft Community Engagement Plan

Motion by Commissioner Longrie to authorize SCC staff to begin the 45-day comment period for the draft Community Engagement Plan. Seconded by Commissioner Kearney. Motion passed.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Revised Elections Guide Adoption

Motion by Commissioner Longrie to adopt the revised Checklist 2 as presented to be integrated into the Elections and Appointments Guide. Seconded by Commissioner Beeler. Motion passed.

Rock Lake Conservation District Election

Motion by Commissioner Longrie that the Commission certify and announce that Christopher Crider was the winner of the RLCD election. Seconded by Commissioner McKay. Motion passed.

PROGRAM UPDATES

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) Addendum Update

Motion by Commissioner Longrie to approve the CREP Programmatic Guidelines Addendum to provide one year's rental payment for lost FSA contract rent to participants that disenrolled or experienced a reduction in contract acres during the FSA Eligibility audit conducted between May 2023 and October 2024. Seconded by Commissioner Beeler. Motion passed.

Dogfish Creek Farm Funding

Motion by Commissioner Beeler to approve FPLA Work Group's recommendation regarding Great Peninsula Conservancy's Dogfish Creek Farm application. The Conservation Commission approves up to \$922,000 in FPLA funding for the acquisition of an agricultural conservation easement on the Dogfish Creek Farm property by Great Peninsula Conservancy. The Conservation Commission authorizes its Executive Director to sign the conservation easement as a third-party beneficiary. Seconded by Commissioner Longrie. Motion passed.

Beaver Valley Farm Funding Amendment

Motion by Commissioner McKay to provide authorization to amend Jefferson Land Trust's FPLA contract for the Beaver Valley Farm to increase the funding award by \$78,898, to a total revised award in the amount of \$525,223. Seconded by Commissioner Longrie. Motion passed.



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	NAME	ENTITY/DISTRICT
1.	Lori Gonzalez	SCU
2.	Kris Neely	SCD
3.	Brad Richte	Asotic Co., CB
4.	Ryan Baye	WACD
5.	Sara Schlake	Spokane @ CD
6.	Zorn Oppenheimer	Chuk CD
7.	Mike Tobin	NYCD
8.	Ryan Williams	Coscocta CD
9.	Angie Reseland	WDFW
10.	Josh Guntori	USCC
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	NAME	ENTITY/DISTRICT
1.	SARAH WILCOX	SCC
2.	Kate Delavan	SCC
3.	Joan Green	SCC
4.	Paige DeChambeau	SCC
5.	Roylee Cones A/Night	NRCB
6.	NICK VERA	NRCB
7.	Karen Zirkle	DNR
8.	Ducia McClouden	SCC
9.	Kaishad Walker	SCC
10.	Lori Gamaler	SCC
11.	Pauline Hagen	SCCD
12.	Amy McKay	White CO/WACD
13.	Jean Fike	SCC
14.	Amy Martin	SCC
15.	Heather Wendt	WACD

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Tom Salzer, WACD

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Brook Beeler Ecology

19.

Craig Nelson Okanogan CD

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Chevell Yechel Okanogan CD, WADE

21.

Jeff Schulz LCCD

22.

Jon Pratt, SCC

23.

Josh Larson

24.

Brian Cochran WSCE

25.

Becca Hebron FCCD

26. Karen Huls WSCE

27. Megan Stewart Asotin Co CD

28. Dean Helle Stevens CCD

29. LARRY COCHRAN WSCE

30. Jennifer Boie Palouse CD



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ATTACHMENT B

**Online Zoom attendance/registration
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Name:

1. Joe Holtrop
2. Nichole Hanson
3. Joy Garitone
4. B'Elanna Rhodehamel
5. Karla Heinitz
6. Ryan Williams
7. Sarah Wilcox
8. Stuart Crane
9. David Marcell
10. Keaton Martin
11. Brant Smith
12. Chevelle Yeckel
13. Alan Chapman
14. Lorenzo Churape
15. Ashley Wood
16. Frank Corey
17. Jan Thomas
18. Mary Malone
19. Bill Eller
20. Rosa Mendez
21. Evan Bauder
22. Zorah Oppenheimer
23. Anna Lael