
Minutes

Board of Natural Resources Special Meeting

August 6, 2018

Natural Resources Building, Olympia, Washington

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

The Honorable Hilary Franz, Washington State Commissioner of Public Lands – *via conference call*

The Honorable Bill Peach, Commissioner, Clallam County – *via conference call*

The Honorable Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction – *via conference call*

Dan Brown, Director, School of Environmental and Forest Sciences, University of Washington – *via conference call*

André-Denis Wright, Dean, College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences, Washington State University – *via conference call*

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

JT Austin, Designee for the Honorable Jay Inslee, Washington State Governor

1 CALL TO ORDER

2 Chair Franz called the meeting to order at 3:35 PM.

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4 Board members, participating by conference call, introduced themselves. Chair Franz noted there
5 was a quorum for the meeting.

6 7 PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR LAND TRANSACTION ACTION ITEMS

8 **Brian Sims, representing WSSDA**, spoke about the Camp Hahobas Acquisition stating that
9 WSSDA takes no position on this transaction due to the lack of information that indicates
10 whether it is a good investment. He stated that is because there is no investment policy in place
11 and he does not know the return on investment (ROI). He reminded the Board that once the
12 economic study is complete WSSDA anticipates that the Board will set investment policy as if
13 managing a portfolio with the objective of an increased ROI.

14 15 LAND TRANSACTION (Action Items)

16 **Camp Hahobas, No. 08-097213; Resolution 1521**

17 Michelle Burbidge, Conservation, Recreation, and Transactions Division

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19 Ms. Burbidge presented the land transaction for the Camp Hahobas acquisition. She reviewed the
20 proposal with the members and referenced the maps depicting the location of the property. She
21 shared that the acquisition involves 264 acres located in Mason County, and that the acquisition

1 will bring 264 acres of working forestland into trust ownership and block up adjacent DNR
2 ownership.

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4 She then shared that The Trust for Public Land would acquire the land from the Boy Scouts of
5 America, and the US Navy will acquire a restrictive easement removing all development rights.
6 The Department of Natural Resources will then purchase the fee title to the land.

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8 The purchase price is \$469,000.00.

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10 Commissioner Peach asked how much, if any, of this transaction's land is involved in the lawsuit
11 referenced in written public comments. Chair Franz replied that this property, designated as
12 working forestland, is not involved in the lawsuit.

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14 Chair Franz then explained the details of the separate action that included the proposal of a
15 Natural Resources Conservation Area (NRCA), and clarified that the proposal before the Board
16 is completely separate from the NRCA action.

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18 Commissioner Peach then asked about the parcel removed from the transaction that had
19 reversionary language. Ms. Burbidge explained that Mason County does not actually own the
20 120 acres in question and that there is language in the title that gives Mason County reversionary
21 rights. The Department decided to remove the 120 acres of land from the transaction so that the
22 Boy Scouts of America and Mason County can work out the reversionary language.

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24 Commissioner Peach then asked about tidelands associated with the transaction. Ms. Burbidge
25 stated that portions of second-class tidelands revert to state ownership, and the other portion of
26 second-class tidelands remain privately owned. Commissioner Peach then noted that the local
27 community does not favor the transaction involving a NRCA. Chair Franz stated that the
28 proposal before the Board is not part of that transaction.

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30 Hearing no further discussion, Chair Franz called for a motion to approve Resolution 1521.

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32 MOTION: Superintendent Reykdal moved to approve Resolution 1521.

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34 SECOND: Director Brown seconded the motion.

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36 ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

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39 Meeting adjourned at 3:50 PM.


Approved this 4th day of September, 2018


Hilary S. Franz, Washington State Commissioner of Public Lands

Absent
JT Austin, Designee for Governor Jay Inslee


Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction

Peach
Bill Peach, Commissioner, Clallam County


André-Denis Wright, Dean, College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences,
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Attest:

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