



DRAFT MINUTES – 2018 ANNUAL MEETING

South of the Sound Community Farm Land Trust

March 9, 2018

Olympia Eagles Ballroom, Olympia, WA

5:15 – 6:15 Membership and supporter sign-in. Local agricultural agencies and non-profits networking session. In attendance: Five farm and food organizations plus distribution of the 2018 Farm Map and 57 members and supporters of SSCFLT.

6:15 POTLUCK DINNER

7:15: Welcome and Introductions. SSCFLT staff - Courtney Peetz & Celeste Wade

- Attorney, Jessica Jensen, described the function of the Agricultural Conservation Easement SSCFLT used to permanently protect Oyster Bay Farm.
- Sean Hawkins, former GRuB participant described the value of participating in GRuB training including working at the GRuB Farm which is partially owned by SSCFLT.

7:35 BUSINESS MEETING

- **MINUTES** of the March 10, 2017 Annual Meeting. APPROVED.
- **2017 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE MEMBERSHIP.** Loretta Seppanen, Chair, highlighted accomplishments in 2017. Copies of the Annual Report were available on the website.
- **FINANCIAL REPORT** - Members were asked to review the annual financial report available as part of the annual report on the website. Total income for the year, \$253,419 plus restricted assets of \$727,467 at the GRuB Urban Farm and Scatter Creek Farm & Conservancy and in a growing farmland acquisition fund; total expenses, \$142,996; reserves as of December 31, 2017, \$150,034.
- **FARM LAND ACQUISITION UPDATE.** Mary Ann Swain, Director of Farmland Preservation, shared the news of the successful completion of an agricultural conservation easement at Oyster Bay Farm using Conservation Futures funding awarded in 2015.
- **DOING BUSINESS AS NAME.** Celeste Wade announced that the online and evening polling to select a shorted name for the organization resulted in a tie. (Subsequently the Board chose Community Farm Land Trust as the DBA. The official name continues to be the South of the Sound Community Farm Land Trust.)
- **POLICY UPDATES:** Loretta Seppanen provided an update on the continued suspension of grant funding from the Thurston County Conservation Futures tax dollars. SSCFLT intern, Kela Hall-Wichkart, invited members to participate in the opportunity to make a stronger statement of support for local agriculture as [Thurston County updates its Comprehensive Plan](#) over the coming year.
- **APPRECIATION FOR DEPARTING BOARD MEMBERS:** The organization expressed appreciation to outgoing board members John Baldrige, John MacLean, Aaron Varadi, and Lisa Breckenridge for their past service.
- **ELECTION OF 2018 BOARD:** A slate of nominations was presented to the membership and was approved. Rebeca Potasnik, Patricia Hickey, Mary DiMatteo, Lainie Kertesz, Neil Weinberg, Loretta Seppanen were elected to new terms on the board.
Continuing members of the Board previously elected in 2016 or 2017 are: Colin Barricklow, Marcie Cleaver, Russ Fox, Stephen Hallstrom, and Al Josephy.
- **COMMUNITY ANNOUCEMENTS:** Several individuals shared news and events of interest to members.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.