



June 04, 2024

**JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

CONSENT AGENDA REQUEST

TO: Board of County Commissioners
Mark McCauley, County Administrator

FROM: Pinky Feria Mingo, Director, Environmental Public Health &
Water Quality
Tami Pokorny, Natural Resources Program Coordinator

DATE: June 10, 2024

SUBJECT: Setting a Public Hearing Date and Publishing a Public Hearing Notice
on the Conservation Futures Applications for 2024

STATEMENT OF ISSUE:

Public Health requests BoCC approval of a Public Hearing Notice to take comments regarding the three Conservation Futures Fund project applications submitted for consideration during the 2024 funding round. The notice is to be published on June 12th and June 19th in *The Leader*. The hearing is tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 24th at 9:45 a.m.

ANALYSIS:

Jefferson County Code (JCC) 3.08.030(4) requires a notice of public hearing prior to final action by the Board of County Commissioners on the annual allocations from the Conservation Futures Fund. Public comment on the Deerfoot Forest, Humbleberry Farm, and Tarboo Wildlife Preserve – West Slope Forest Addition projects will be accepted from June 12th, 2024 until the close of the Commissioners' hearing. After the public hearing, the BoCC may resolve to award funding to one or more of these projects.

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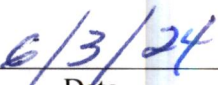
Costs to publish the Public Hearing Notice in *The Leader* will be paid by the Conservation Futures Fund.

RECOMMENDATION:

To facilitate a timely public process, Public Health recommends that the BoCC approve the Public Hearing Notice to hold the hearing on Monday, June 24, 2024 at 9:45 a.m.

REVIEWED BY:


Mark McCauley, County Administrator


Date

Contact Person: Tami Pokorny
Bill to: Jefferson County Public Health
615 Sheridan St.
Port Townsend, WA 98368

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Conservation Futures Fund Program Project Applications in 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing is scheduled by the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners for **MONDAY, June 24, 2024 at 9:45 a.m.** in the Commissioners' Chambers, County Courthouse, 1820 Jefferson Street, Port Townsend, WA 98368. Notice of said hearing is to be published in the official newspaper of Jefferson County.

The public hearing is to take comments on the three projects submitted for consideration during the 2024 Conservation Futures funding cycle. Conservation Futures funds available to projects in 2024 total \$280,000. The total amount requested for the Deerfoot Forest, Humbleberry Farm, and Tarboo Wildlife Preserve – West Slope Forest Addition is \$402,000. Written public comment will be accepted any time up through the close of the public hearing, addressed to the BoCC at P.O. Box 1220, Port Townsend, WA, 98368 or by email at jeffbocc@co.jefferson.wa.us.

The project applications and draft resolutions are available for viewing on the County website at <https://www.co.jefferson.wa.us/560/Conservation-Futures-Program>.

You are welcome to participate in this hearing. You will need to join the meeting by 9:45 a.m. using the following methods: **VIRTUALLY:** Via the following Zoom, link: <https://zoom.us/j/93777841705>, **PHONE:** Dial 1-253-215-8782 and enter access code: 937-7784-1705# and press *9 to “raise your hand” to be called upon. Access for the hearing impaired can be accommodated using Washington Relay Service at 1-800-833-6384, or **IN-PERSON**

In addition, written testimony is also invited beginning on June 12, 2024 and ending on June 24, 2024 at the end of the Public Hearing, unless extended by the Board of County Commissioners. Written public testimony may be submitted by **Email to:** jeffbocc@co.jefferson.wa.us You may view documents and testimony received by visiting: www.co.jefferson.wa.us and following this pathway – Services – Laserfiche Web Portal (username and password is: public) – Board of Commissioners – BOCC Agenda Packets – 2024 Weekly Agenda Items – 06 June 2024 – 062424

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Signed this 10th day of June, 2024.

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/S/Kate Dean, Chair

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