STATE OF WASHINGTON County of Jefferson

In the Matter of Establishing a Conservation Futures Fund Program Application Period, Setting an Estimated Amount of Conservation Futures Fund Available, and Approving Program Materials for Use in the 2025 Conservation Futures Fund Cycle

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, Conservation Futures tax levy collections, authorized under RCW 84.34.230, are an important means of retaining community character and accomplishing open space policies and objectives of the Jefferson County Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County is authorized by RCW <u>84.34.210</u> and <u>84.34.220</u> to acquire open space land, agricultural and timber lands, as defined in RCW <u>84.34.020</u>; and

WHEREAS, the Conservation Futures Fund Citizen Oversight Committee and program staff have developed and revised program materials in accordance with section <u>3.08.050</u> of the Jefferson County Code ("JCC"); and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the section 3.08.030(1) JCC, an application submission date shall be established no later than March 30^{th} ; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of section 3.08.030(1) JCC, public notice shall be provided at least 30 days prior to the application submission date, establishing the 2025 Conservation Futures Fund application period as January 12, 2025, through March 21, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Public Health has estimated the amount of Conservation Futures funds available for new acquisition and operations and maintenance projects in 2025, which is estimated at \$252,000, with \$48,000 available for operations and maintenance activities; and

WHEREAS, the BoCC approves the 2025 Conservation Futures Fund program manual, application, and score sheet; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Section 1. Whereas Clauses are Findings of Fact.</u> The Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners hereby adopts the above "Whereas" clauses as Findings of Fact.

<u>Section 2. Purpose.</u> The purpose of this resolution is to launch the 2025 Conservation Futures Fund project grant cycle. The resolution:

1. Establishes the 2025 Conservation Futures Fund application period as January 12, 2025-March 21, 2025.

- 2. Sets an estimated amount of funds available to Conservation Futures projects in 2025 as \$252,000, with \$48,000 available for operations and maintenance activities.
- 3. Approves the 2025 Conservation Futures Fund program manual, application, and score sheet.

<u>Section 3. Severability.</u> If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or section of this resolution or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this resolution or its application to other persons or circumstances shall be fully valid and shall not be affected.

<u>Section 4. SEPA Categorical Exemption.</u> This resolution is categorically exempt from the State Environmental Policy Act under WAC <u>197-11-800</u>(19).

<u>Section 5.</u> Effective <u>Date</u>. This resolution shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon approval and adoption by the Board of County Commissioners.

(SIGNATURES FOLLOW ON THE NEXT PAGE)

ADOPTED as	nd APPROVED this	_ day of	, 2025.
SEAL:			JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
			Greg Brotherton, Member, District 3
			Heidi Eisenhour, Member, District 2
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			Heather Dudley-Nollette, Member, District 1
ATTEST:			APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Carolyn Gallaway, CMC Date Clerk of the Board			Philip C. Hunsucker, Date Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney