

THURSTON COUNTY AGRICULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

7:00 – 9:00 pm

Benoschek Building

3054 Carpenter Rd. SE, Olympia, WA 98503

**Minutes for March 29, 2018**

**Members Present:** Mike Moore, Chris Groen, Robert McIntosh, Joe Hanna, Richard Mankamyer (Chair), Mary DiMatteo (Vice-Chair), Pat Labine, Kevin Jensen, Brad Fisher

**Staff Present:** Deborah Bordelon, Thurston County

**Ex Officio:** Nicole Warren, Thurston Conversation District

**Members, Staff & Ex Officio Absent:** Scott Vaughn, Eric Johnson, Stephen Bramwell, WSU

**Guests:** None

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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Richard Mankamyer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance then round-table introductions of the members, staff, and guests attending the evening's meeting.

**Approval of previous meeting minutes:** Minutes for the February 22, 2018 meeting were approved.

**Approval of current agenda:** Brief discussion of placement of WSU, TCD and News Sharing on the agenda. These reoccurring agenda items will maintain their position at the bottom of each agenda. Agenda approved. Unanimous.

**COMMITTEE ITEMS:**

**Revision of By-Laws:** Robert McIntosh presented several updates to the committee's existing bylaws. Substantive changes and additions **unanimously approved included:**

- WSU Thurston County Extension Director Duties
- Creation of a By-Law Compliance Officer
- Creation of a By-Law revisioning schedule
- Rotating Scribe position for monthly meeting minutes
- "Action" Meeting Minutes format
- August meeting will not be regularly scheduled
- Requirements for Meeting cancellations

**Action Needed:** Proxy, alternates, absentee, call-in/email voting was not decided upon and has been tabled to determine desired revisions at the April meeting.

**Comprehensive Plan:** No Action Taken. Reviewed comment submitted by Robert, Stephen and South of the Sound Community Farm Land Trust. It was determined that these comments should be vetted and agreed upon individually, to be included in a letter from the Committee, commenting on the Comprehensive Plan. The Committee agreed that the Comprehensive Plan does not contain enough specific strategies to protect Thurston County farmland.

**Public Comment:** No.

**Green Sheets:** No.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**WSU Update:** None.

**TCD Update:** VSP Mailer and 3 April workshops including pasture management, liming, pollinator habitat.

**News Sharing:** None.

**Adjourn:** 9:10

**Scribe:** Mary DiMatteo, Non-Farmer Member, Vice-Chair.