

**Inland Northwest Land Conservancy
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2019**

Board members present: Michelle Anderson, Todd Beyreuther, Tom Bradley, Casey Brazil, Rob Lindsay, Rod Price, and Jake Williamson (by phone)

Board members absent: Carl Griffin, Michael Currin

Guest present: Mitzi VanVoorhis

Staff present: Dave Schaub and Vicki Egesdal

Quorum having been achieved, Rob Lindsay called the meeting to order at 4:07 PM.

Election of 2019 Officers – Rob Lindsay is soliciting nominations for officers from the board. The executive committee consists of the officers (president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer) plus Michelle Anderson. Rod expressed interest in staying an officer. The executive committee will bring proposed slate of officers to the board at the next meeting. Rod Price nominated Rob Lindsay as president of the board and suggested that the board vote on that today. The Executive Committee will develop a governance policy or procedure for nominating officers and bring that back to the board for approval. Tom Bradley expressed interest in serving as vice president. Per the bylaws the current Secretary and Treasurer will serve until replaced. The position of Vice President is vacant. Dave Schaub will help schedule the Executive Committee meeting.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and passed the board elected Rob Lindsay to serve as President.
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Climate Priority Discussion – Tom Bradley gave context for this discussion. INLC recently began seeking new funding sources – REPI, CDA River. INLC will continue its work on conservation easements. INLC is looking at Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) funding but will need a conservation plan in order to compete for those funds. The three legs of our work are habitat, water quality, and the human component. Now the three legs could be (1) habitat & water quality, (2) climate change, and (3) recreational access. There may be risk with this approach. Dave Schaub noted the growing consensus in the conservation community that climate issues affect our work. LTA has recognized addressing climate as a priority. INLC has a grant from LTA for including climate change into our conservation planning and marketing. Tonight is the beginning of this discussion. Dave showed the board the LTA climate conservation website. Dave is seeking board input for exploring this as a pillar of our priorities. Mitzi VanVoorhis suggested partnering with other organizations would be more strategic and visionary. Michelle Anderson said that there are a lot of things that most people can agree on. We could weave climate into our R2R messaging. Climate resiliency could be one benefit of the type of work that we are doing. Advocacy is not our mission. Addressing climate change would be in addition to our current programs. INLC can achieve the same goals without making it the number one message. INLC could

partner with educational organizations, like Gonzaga, for interns to work on messaging and planning. Our work is passively pro-climate, but increasingly land trusts are looking for proactive work they can add to the repertoire, for instance conserving and restoring degraded lands; rehabbing forests, etc.; protecting land for renewable energy generation; focusing on climate resilient lands. What types of activities can INLC do to get the biggest bang for the buck as far as climate change? Fossil fuel reduction? Promoting renewable resources? Promoting open spaces in urban areas? What are the most effective tools in our tool chest? What is our metric? The LTA web page on natural climate solutions offers ground based strategies for mitigating effects of carbon. What capacity do we need to add to make this possible? Rob says the lands we are protecting already contribute to climate resiliency. No board action is needed at this time. What does the board want from Dave and staff to make this decision? Rod suggested the board could use more education. Michelle suggested that the board get more educated on their own before the next meeting. Michelle is curious how integrating climate change would work with the strategic plan. The consensus is that the board is generally in support of this. Next meeting Dave will present a summary of the messaging he proposes.

Calendar of board meetings: Rob feels that with bi-monthly meetings we lose momentum. Tom noted that last month there was more meeting content than possible for the time allotted. Mitzi suggested that the board gets everything 2 weeks in advance and the board is responsible for reviewing and only discuss at the board meetings those things that come forward as an issue. That way board meetings are focused on forward-looking topics. **The board agreed that future meetings will be on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 5:00.** Committee meetings are scheduled and committees will meet regularly unless there is no business. The board will strive to keep these meetings to 1.5 hours. Meeting materials will be sent out 1 full week prior to board meeting. Financials will lag a month.

December board meeting minutes - Upon motion duly made, seconded, and passed the Board approved as written the previously distributed minutes of the December 10, 2018 board meeting.

December Financials

The Board received the December financial reports as presented by staff.

Next meeting

The February board meeting was set for February 12 at 5:00 PM. **(After the board meeting it was determined that the February board meeting would be on the 19th.)**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Egesdal
Recording Secretary