

SAN JUAN COUNTY FERRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2026, at 9AM

Present: Jennifer Swanson, Kari McVeigh, Ken Burtness, Tally Teal of WSF, Tom Thiersch

9:00AM Call to Order, Approval of Previous Minutes – The approval of minutes was tabled.

Public Access - None

Review of Priority Tracking Sheet - Tabled

WSF Update: Tally Teal – Provided an update on the cancellation of the Anchor contract to modernize the ticketing and reservation system. \$770,000 was spent with Anchor. \$432,000 of that is work that can be reused once a new vendor (s) is established. \$341,000 of what was spent is not reusable. The FAC emphasized more transparency from WSF and more engagement with FACs and community going forward.

Council Liaison Update: Kari McVeigh

- Kari provided details about the upcoming county levy lid lift.

New and Continuing Business

- Engage Page – David Robison – David was absent from the meeting. FAC members discussed having David be a regular contributor to our meetings with the scope of his input and advising around communication for our Engage page. There was also discussion about the need for Bylaws for the Ferry Advisory Committee.

• Terminal Updates

-Lopez – The camera at Lopez was discussed with tree limbs being removed so the camera was not being obstructed.

-Orcas – There is a potential new representative for Orcas Island.

-Shaw - None

-San Juan – None

Other – Ken mentioned that another FAC has a Facebook page. Jennifer will check with Erin Andrews, County Communications, to see what is possible.

10:55AM Public Access – Tom Thiersch let us know that Washington State provides bylaws for FACs. Tom also made a comment about OPMA laws and Tom also was very discouraged about the trajectory of the Mosquito Fleet legislation.

Adjourn – 10:45AM