Kitsap County Agriculture Advisory Council

Regular Meeting
Date: October 22nd, 2026
Time: 5:07pm – 6:56pm
Location: Kitsap Conservation District, 10332 NE Central Valley Rd

Members Present:
Dawn Oien (Chair), Angela Cordiano, Scott Hall, Karissa Holcombe, Mickey Centeno, Miles Paden, Hannah Orando-Baldus, Mickey Centeno, Kylie Denton

Members Absent: Mira Rozen-Kotz, Gary Winn (Vice Chair)

Staff Present: Heather Cleveland, Department of Community Development (DCD)
Diane Fish, Kitsap Conservation District (KCD)

Public Present: Members of the public present – Sonja Via, Michelle Morey (Red Roof Ranch, Kitsap Agritourism Coalition (KAC)), Jeremy Anunson (Mason-Kitsap Farm Bureau (MKFB)), Emily Denton, Steve Hogg (MKFB, Sawdust Hill Alpacas), Sean Murphy (MKFB), Cerina Murphy (MKFB), Laura Ritter (MKFB), ZyaZya Arnold, Sean Malearin (MKFB), Anna Whalen, AICP, Naval Base Kitsa, Halston Hild, Jordan Hild, Josh Hild, Jodi Logue (Moss and Madder Farm, KAC)

Call meeting to Order

Chair called the meeting to order.

- Welcome and Introductions
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Land Acknowledgement

Approval of Agenda

Karrisa Holcombe moved to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Angela Cordiano. Passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Miles Paden moved to approve September 24th, 2026 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Scott Hall. Passed unanimously.

Public Comment – Agenda topics (3 minutes/per person)

No comments from the public.

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Old Business

Agritourism Subcommittee

Scott Hall presented the draft charter for the Agritourism Subcommittee (SC). Heather provided a brief overview for the council on the adoption of a subcommittee charter, documentation of SC activities, timeline for SC activities, and reporting frequency. Any items for adoption for the whole council should be submitted for inclusion in the agenda by Monday, November 9, 2026. Council discussed the draft charter, established the duration (May 28, 2026 – September 16, 2027), assigned roles to Gary Winn (Chair), Scott Hall (Vice Chair), Angela Cordiano (Note-taker), meeting schedule, scope of SC work, document retention, deliverables, timeline, and reporting.

Mickey Centeno moved to adopt the Agritourism Subcommittee Charter, Hannah Orando-Baldus seconded. No discussion. Passed unanimously.

Rural Lands Analysis Subcommittee

Heather Cleveland provided a brief overview for the council on the Rural Lands Assessment (RLA) Subcommittee Charter, documentation of SC activities, timeline, and reporting frequency. Any items for adoption for the whole council should be submitted for inclusion in the agenda. The Council discussed draft charter and established the duration (September 24, 2026 – end of RLA project). Subcommittee responsibilities include reviewing past documents to gain an understanding of Kitsap County's history with regard to the designation (or lack thereof) of agriculture resource lands. Document review responsibilities were outline and roles assigned to Karrissa Holcombe (Chair), Hannah Orando-Baldus (Vice Chair), Angela Cordiano (Note-taker). Meetings will be held (2nd Thursday monthly 6:30-8:30) in-person at location to be determined with a virtual option. The charter also outlined the scope of SC work including DCD coordination, document retention, deliverables, decision making, timeline and reporting.

Heather Cleveland provided a brief overview of the Kitsap Natural Resource Asset Mapping Project (KNRAMP). The project seeks to manage natural resources in the county, treating natural resources as assets that should be accounted for, protected and improved when possible. Kitsap County currently maps three asset types: forests, shorelines and streams. Notably absent from KNRAMP are farms. Heather proposed adding farm and agricultural land as a layer and developing an asset scoring method for those lands to assist in future planning processes and serve as a way to value the assets associated with working lands and prioritize farms for conservation.

Heather Cleveland also introduced the Kitsap County Agriculture Map which features multiple layers useful in the RLA process. Currently the map layers include parcels identified in the watershed windshield surveys conducted by Kitsap Conservation District, NRCS Prime Farm Soils (irrigated, non-irrigated and if drained), parcels enrolled in the Current Use Agriculture and Open Space Taxation Programs, and the Farm Focus Areas identified in the 2011 Kitsap County Strategic Agricultural Plan and Inventory.

Miles Paden moved to adopt the RLA Subcommittee Charter, Hannah Orando-Baldus seconded. Discussion. Scott Hall proposed that the SC scope of work include requesting a legal opinion on the feasibility of adoption of Agriculture Resource Land designation as a zone for Kitsap County. If creating this zone is not legally feasible it renders this issue moot. No further discussion. Passed unanimously.

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Best Management Practices Subcommittee

Heather provided a brief overview for the council on the formation of a Best Management Practices/Code Complaints subcommittee to assist regulatory and non-regulatory agencies in Kitsap County in responding to complaints, identify gaps in agency coordination, make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners in addressing and resolving complaints.

Subcommittee Council Members: Dawn Oien, Mickey Centeno, Miles Paden, Scott Hall, Hannah Orando-Baldus.

Interested community members: Sean Murphy, Jeremy Anunson

Suggested Agency Members: Kitsap Conservation District. Other agencies Kitsap Public Health District and Kitsap Humane Society

Miles Paden moved to form a Best Management Practices/Code Complaints subcommittee, Mickey Centeno seconded. No discussion. Passed unanimously.

Heather Cleveland walked the Council through the purposes for this subcommittee including:

- To provide better understanding and clarity to the BMPs reference in Kitsap County Code
- Assess the complaint/violation process for complaints related to agriculture and livestock
- Evaluate the communication between agencies and the complainant.
- Establish a system for reviewing complaints on a regular and proactive basis
- Connect with the following agencies involved in the process: Humane Society, Kitsap Public Health District, Kitsap Conservation District, and Kitsap County Code Compliance.

The subcommittee will meet and draft a charter outlining duration, responsibilities, member roles, scope of work, document retention, deliverables, decision timeline and reporting. The charter will be presented at the November 19th meeting for Council review and approval.

Change of membership

Heather Cleveland provided an update on the resignation by lack of response of Council Member Tonya Hirtzel, Agricultural Specialist representing Commissioner District 3 – Central Kitsap. The meeting bylaws allow for the replacement of a Council member following in accordance with the attendance section outlined in the bylaws.

Heather also outlined the guidance for the removal and for requesting a new candidate through the Board of County Commissioners. The Commissioner over the council position will review previous applications for the position and potentially chose a member from the existing pool. If the pool does not have a suitable candidate for appointment the position will be reopened.

New Business

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Annual Report

The Agricultural Advisory Council is tasked with providing the Board of County Commissioners with an Annual Report. Heather Cleveland will develop and outline for the 2026 Annual Report by the November 19th meeting and a timeline for completion and adoption by the Council.

2027 Schedule

The Council discussed the tentative 2027 meeting schedule. Suggested meeting dates are the fourth Thursday of January, March, May, July, September, and third Thursday in November. This schedule allows the three subcommittees time to accomplish their assigned tasks between meetings and report back to the whole Council. Special meetings may be called as needed.

Meeting locations are up for discussion. North Kitsap locations are challenging. Angie will reach out to North Kitsap School District and Island Lake is an option though it lacks internet access and a large screen. The Eagles Nest is a preferred location when available. The Kitsap Conservation District is also available though it was very cramped due to the large number of public attendees.

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Climate Change Survey – Agriculture Representation

Great Peninsula Conservancy is seeking community input through an anonymous survey as part of a Climate Smart Communities Initiative grant to assess climate change vulnerability of culturally significant natural resources for Coast Salish Tribal communities. The survey asks about important places and plants on the Kitsap Peninsula and perspectives on climate change. The Advisory Council was encourage to complete the survey (https://form.jotform.com/262706593931060?utm_source=chatgpt.com) and share it with the community they represent to help broaden participation.

Puget Sound Clean Air Authority – pending regulation

Heather Cleveland provided an update on the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA) rulemaking prohibiting burning in rural counties in the Puget Sound – including Kitsap. PSCAA recently announced a new timeline pushing out the publication of the draft rule to 2027 Q2 following extensive community feedback and public comment. Miles Paden made a motion for the Council to draft a letter regarding to the PSCAA rulemaking and its potential impact for farmers with regard to agricultural burning. Karrissa second. Discussion. Angela requested research to accompany the draft letter for council members to review. Heather Cleveland noted the Kingston Community Council also submitted a letter regarding PSCAA's potential rule changes to the BOCC. Will clarify options for submitting the Agriculture Advisory Council's letter. A draft will be due for Council review by November 9th. Scott Hall suggested reviewing existing public comment prior to sending the letter. Motion passed unanimously. Mickey Centeno moved to appoint Miles Paden to write the letter. Dawn Oien second. No discussion. Passed unanimously.

Public Comment (open)

The Council received public comment from:

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Jeremy Anunson, Mason-Kitsap Farm Bureau shared that at the recent meeting of the Northwest Area Conservation Districts they passed a resolution regarding PSCAA rulemaking.

ZyaZya Arnold expressed interest in learning more about Agritourism in Kitsap as she owns a business. Shared that the National Agricultural Law Center offers a state-by-state tool that outlines protections and resources for agritourism businesses.

Anna Whelan – Community Planning Liaison Officer for Naval Base Kitsap shared information on their environmental protection and conservation integration program. Partners in this effort have included Great Peninsula Conservancy, the Jefferson Land Trust, WA Department of Natural Resources, and Trust for Public Lands. Their programming can provide 50% match funding to support landowners with environmental concerns and conservation of environmental lands. In 2026 their office requested almost $10 million.

Adjourn Meeting

Angie moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Miles. There being no discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Next Regular Meeting: November 19, 2026, tentatively scheduled for Kitsap Conservation District - 10332 Central Valley Rd NE, Poulsbo. Due to number of the public attending the September 22nd meeting Heather Cleveland will look for a larger meeting space.

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