



BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF SNOQUALMIE

AB24-045
April 8, 2024
Committee Report

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB24-045: Meadowbrook Farm Governance ILA	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolution
PROPOSED ACTION:	Adopt Resolution No. 1684 approving a new Inter-Local Agreement Between the Cities of Snoqualmie and North Bend for the Governance of Meadowbrook Farm and authorize the Mayor to sign.	

REVIEW:	Department Director	Emily Arteche	10/3/2023
	Finance	n/a	Click or tap to enter a date.
	Legal	David Linehan	9/13/2023
	City Administrator	Mike Chambless	4/2/2024

DEPARTMENT:	Community Development		
STAFF:	Emily Arteche		
COMMITTEE:	Finance & Administration	COMMITTEE DATE: April 2, 2024	
EXHIBITS:	1. Resolution No. 1684 2. Interlocal Agreement 3. Exhibits		

AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE	\$ n/a
AMOUNT BUDGETED	\$ n/a
APPROPRIATION REQUESTED	\$ n/a

SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of Interlocal Agreement is to set forth the terms and conditions under which Meadowbrook Farm will be governed and managed by the Cities of Snoqualmie and North Bend in order to preserve the Farm as public open space consistent with all applicable restrictions set forth in deeds; Ch. 84.34 RCW; ordinances, regulations and requirements of the Conservation Futures Tax grant; and the Washington State RCO Program Manuals, and to do so consistently with the Meadowbrook Farm Master Plan as previously approved by the two cities. Recently North Bend has requested to amend the ILA to include council participation in the membership ("Governing Body"), Budget Adoption and Funding, and Additional Governing Body Responsibilities Sections (6.1, 6.3.1, 6.3.4).

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

Resolution 1227 approving a Meadowbrook Farm Master Plan, as updated in 2013.

Resolution 1669 approving with changes the Meadowbrook Farm Interlocal Agreement between North Bend and Snoqualmie on October 9, 2023.

BACKGROUND

The Cities of North Bend and Snoqualmie purchased Meadowbrook Farm property in 1994 in part with King County Conservation Futures Tax (“CFT”) grant funding, grant funding from the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (“RCO”), and funding from other sources. As conditions of CFT and RCO grant funding, the Cities agreed to certain restrictions on the use of the property as open space land for passive recreational uses, among other restrictions. The 1998 Meadowbrook Farm Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between the two cities and the Meadowbrook Farm Preservation Association (which was established to support the administration and management of property) recently expired on May 4, 2023. A new ILA is needed to provide for the governance and management of Meadowbrook Farm consistent with the 2013 Master Plan and applicable state and county rules and regulations.

ANALYSIS

The new ILA provides for the governance of the property by establishing a Meadowbrook Farm Governing Body comprised of the Mayor of the City of North Bend and the Mayor of the City of Snoqualmie. It also establishes the respective responsibilities of the cities, acting through their respective Governing Bodies. It also creates an Advisory Body comprised of one North Bend staff representative, one Snoqualmie staff representative, one Meadowbrook Farm Preservation Association (MFPA) representative, one representative of any entity contracted to perform day-to-day Farm maintenance and operations (anticipated to be Si View Metropolitan Park District (SVMPD)), one Snoqualmie Valley Historical Society representative; one Snoqualmie Valley School District representative, one King County representative, one Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust representative, one Snoqualmie Tribe representative, and one Elk Management Group representative. The operations and management of the Farm including the approval of a budget would be conducted through a separate agreement with SVMPD.

The agreement stipulates the length of the ILA will last through December 31, 2034, and require further action on a yearly basis thereafter. The agreement may be terminated with 90 days written notice by either city. Although no budget is proposed the agreement states that it is generally intended that each Member shall be responsible for obtaining annual budgetary approval from that Member’s jurisdiction for one-half (1/2) of the approved annual budgeted expenses unless the Governing Body recommends otherwise.

The agreement includes terms for use restrictions established by King County Conservations Futures Tax Levy grant in an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement executed in 1993, which obligates the Cities to maintain the Property consistent with CFT use restrictions.

BUDGET IMPACTS

N/A

NEXT STEPS

Approve Resolution 1684, repealing Resolution 1669, and transmit to North Bend for approval and execution.

PROPOSED ACTION

Move to Adopt Resolution No. 1684 approving the modified Interlocal Agreement between Snoqualmie and North Bend for the Governance and Management of Meadowbrook Farm and authorizing the Mayor to sign.