

FERRY COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2006-04

OPPOSING STATE PURCHASE OF  
WATER RIGHTS FOR DOWNSTREAM USERS

WHEREAS, the Board finds the State of Washington Department of Ecology is actively attempting to purchase water rights in the upper Columbia Watershed for down stream mitigation; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that water is critical to the agricultural, municipal and recreational needs of the residents and Ferry County the loss of which would result in negative, permanent, irreversible impacts to Ferry County economics; and

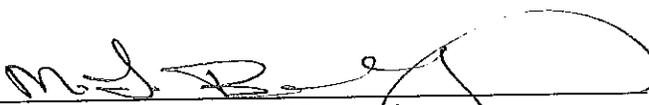
WHEREAS, the Board finds that every effort should be made to keep water rights that originate from lands and water bodies in Ferry County within Ferry County and the Board will oppose all attempts by the State to transfer water rights from Ferry County to users elsewhere;

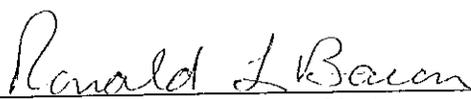
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Board of Ferry County Commissioners strongly opposes any and all attempts by state agencies or their agents to purchase water rights in Ferry County to satisfy mitigation agreements made by the state to benefit others; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Ferry County Commissioners will work in every possible way to preserve and protect the county's economic stability, water rights and the future of agriculture, municipal water supplies and recreational opportunities in Ferry County.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2006.

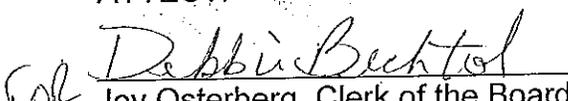
FERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

  
MIKE L. BLANKENSHIP, Chairman

  
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ATTEST:

  
Joy Osterberg, Clerk of the Board