

**Adjourned Meeting of the Board
Ferry County Commissioners
Tuesday June 7, 2016 10:00 AM**

Location: 3rd floor of the Lucy F. Covington Government Center 21 Colville Street, Nespelem

Meet & Greet the Colville Business Council and Natural Resources Committee

Chairman of the Natural Resource Committee Joseph Somday, Chairman of the Veterans Committee Mel Tonasket, Chairman of Human Service Committee Andy Joseph Jr, Chairman of the Culture Committee Richard Tonasket, Inchelium District Representative Bessie Simpson and Omak District Representative Edwin Marchand were present.

Ferry County Commissioner Nathan Davis, Ferry County Commissioner Brad Miller, Ferry County Clerk of the Board Amanda Rowton, Ferry County Planning Director Irene Whipple and Ferry County Building Inspector Mike Nee were present as well.

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Colville Confederated Tribe Fish and Wildlife Administration Patrick Tonasket, Colville Confederated Tribe Planning Director Pete Palmer, Reservation Attorney Michael Humiston, Legislative Assistant Neeka Somday, WSU Extension 4H Coordinator Linda Mclean, Ferry County Commissioner Chairman Nathan Davis, Ferry County Commissioner Brad Miller, Ferry County Clerk of the Board Amanda Rowton, Ferry County Planning Director Irene Whipple and Ferry County Planning Inspector Mike Nee were present.

Tribal Environmental Concerns

Fish and Wildlife Administrator Patrick Tonasket was present as Land and Property Director Cody Desautel was unable to attend. Discussion was held on concerns for chemicals in the water including mercury making the fish inedible. Mr. Tonasket may have access to Tribal Fish and Wildlife research reports.

Forest Revision Plan

Discussion was held on the concerns about wilderness in regard to the Colville National Forest Plan Revision. Mr. Tonasket expressed concerns about the close proximity of the proposed Wilderness to the Colville Confederated Forest that has been well managed.

Mr. Tonasket said that Ferry County has a low elevation forest that needs to be managed with a different treatment process in order for the forest to see improvement. Discussion was held on public access to property to fight fire, fish and hunt. Discussion was held on the cost of road building and road removal vs. keeping the roads for the purpose of accessing the forest to fight fire. Discussion was held on the Anchor Forest Initiative.

Discussion was held on improving big game habitat. East Fork Hall Creek seems to look great from the map but needs to be managed because it is hard to walk through. Discussion was held on grazing and the height of grass issue. Commissioner Davis expressed concerns regarding bug infestation. Commissioner Davis reported that he is studying the different management styles to see what is better for the environment and most effective.

Discussion was held on the "let it burn" philosophy of the USFS. Commissioner Davis said that when the fire was small it could have been handled better. Mr. Tonasket noted the USFS doesn't seem to be making money in management of the forest. Discussion was held on the lack of management and how covering cost is a minimum. Commissioner Miller added that timber is a resource within our county that is renewable and can put people to work while stimulating the economy. Commissioner Miller also discussed how the BPA Bonneville Power Administration is a critical infrastructure for the County. The BPA is to maintain the powerline but has resistance from the USFS. Power outages cripple our county during emergency situations including windstorms and fires.

Interlocal Planning Agreement

Planning Director Pete Palmer and Reservation Attorney Michael Humiston participated in the discussion. Ms. Palmer submitted a document for review outlining the planning process with color codes to help clarify where the documents need to go along with the fee structure. Discussion was held on the permitting process and regulations in regard to Land Use Development and Shoreline Maintenance. Discussion was held on the four types of waterways on the reservation.

Ms. Palmer discussed the side of the road clear off and how it is being unmanaged by Public Works. Discussion was held on possibly using a chipper instead for the side of the road. Discussion was held on the financial aspect of the restrictions of Ferry County Public Works ability to get the sides of the road cut. Commissioner Davis discussed a piece of equipment that is efficient in mulching and cost effective. Commissioner Miller asked who does the septic inspections. Ms. Palmer reported that Amelia Marchand is the overseer for permits and inspections for the septic systems and Louis Adolph is the Engineer. Zoning and water use permits are needed for non-tribal members.

Open Discussion Pertaining to the Working Relationship between Ferry County and the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Indian Reservation

Ms. Palmer will send a copy of the plan with Ferry County instead of Okanogan County on the draft. Discussion was held on easements within the zoning areas. Ms. Whipple requested several areas on the map that was being reviewed to be reassessed for possible changes in restrictions. It was stated that arsenic has been an issue in the water. It can be filtered out. Commissioner Miller asked about the radon issue and possibly uranium in the water. Mike Nee suggested possible tracking on located contaminants.

Before the next meeting on July 12th at 10:00 AM in Nespalem, Ferry County will meet with the Prosecutor, Planning and Tri-County Health.

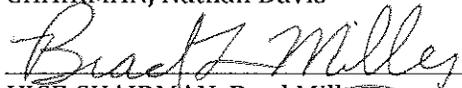
Unfinished Business

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM.

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FERRY COUNTY, WASHINGTON



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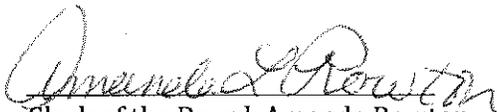
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