

**Meeting of the Board of
County Commissioners
Tri County Forest Group
Thursday June 15, 2017 1:00 PM**

**Location: Tri county Economic Development District 986 S Main St. Colville, WA 99114
Meeting Room**

Introduction of Attendees:

1. Amanda Rowton, Clerk of the Board, commissioners@co.ferry.wa.us
2. Mike Blankenship, FC Commissioner District 3, 6jment@gmail.com
3. Tiana Luke, Conservation NW/NEWFC, tluke@conservationnw.org
4. Maurice Williams, NEWFC
5. Dick Dunton, NEWFC, lrdunton@centurytel.net
6. Matt Scott, Vaagen/NEWFC, mscott@vaagenbros.com
7. Mike Petersen, NEWFC & Lands Council, mpetersen@landscouncil.org
8. Bob Whittaker, Ferry County, misterbobbywhittaker@gmail.com
9. Bill Way, NEWT, lbway321@gmail.com
10. Andrew Spaeth, aspaeth@sustainablenorthwest.org
11. Russ Vaagen, Vaagen Brothers, rvaagen@vaagenbros.com
12. Tim Coleman, KRCG/NEWFC, tcoleman@kettlerange.org
13. Mike Herrin, USFS, mherrin@fs.fed.us
14. Kinsey Larsen, TEDD
15. Johnna Exner, Ferry County Commissioner District 1, jexner@co.ferry.wa.us
16. Kathleen Ward, Colville NF, ktward@fs.fed.us
17. Steve Parker, Stevens County, sparker@stevenscounty.wa.gov
18. Gloria Flora, NEWFC/SOS, gflora@s-o-solutions.org
19. Karen Honeycutt, Colville NF, khoneycutt@fsfed.us
20. Kurtis Vaagen, Vaagen Brothers, kvaagenbros.com
21. Eugene Fischer, TCMRA, 509-680-2487
22. Katherine Rowden, National Weather Service, Katherine.rowden@noaa.gov
23. Ron Gray, NEWFC, woodhog250@gmail.com
24. Merrill Ott, TCMRA, merrillott@centurytel.net
25. Doug Bladek, USFS, dbladek@fs.fed.us
26. Joshua White, USFS, jpwhite@fsfed.us
27. Gary Nielsen, TCMRA/Stevens County
28. Cody Desautel, Colville Tribe, cody.desautel@colvilletribes.com
29. Matt Vaagen, WA DNR,
30. Leah Vanderstoep, Ferry County Planning, plan@co.ferry.wa.us

Introductions

The meeting was opened at 1:00 p.m.

Trevor McCoachie gave a presentation on the good neighbor authority. (GNA) Mr. McCoachie outlined the purpose of the group. The group covers forest health, fire resilience and economic growth partnerships. A hand out was distributed. www.dnr.wa.gov/gna

Bill Way asked if decommissioned roads could be turned into trails.

Mike Herrin said we must be able to take care of what we have. They don't have funding for maintenance but he would support the decommissioned roads to be used as trails.

Post fire flood risk presented by Katherine Rowden.

A handout was distributed.

Karen Honeycutt presented the vegetation management & project monitoring presentation.

A handout was distributed.

Tiana Luke discussed the San Poil field trip. She asked for date availability. Possibly July 18th was available by most people.

July 18th overview meeting at the Republic FS office at 9:00 a.m. (pack a lunch)

Mike Petersen gave an update on the vegetation management group. He discussed more formal input on the 5 year plan. Possibly increase the amount of treatment. East wedge was discussed and they wanted to know if it was monitored? Stewardship vs timber sales were discussed. Gary and Merrill are working on maps. Resources for trail maps were discussed and map metrics was discussed as well.

Merrill discussed a computer program that would compile a county area in a matrix. That way a fold out could be created or computer access.

Mike Petersen asked for an extension on the comment period for the South Fork of Boulder project.

Josh White said it was ongoing and if 30 days isn't enough he could extend it.

Gloria Flora asked about a smaller committee.

Mike Petersen said there is a recreation committee.

Mike Petersen asked Steve Parker to be on the subgroup.

Bob Whittaker gave an update on the recreation subgroup. He discussed chainsaw certification and said he would forward the email.

Josh White gave an update on the Forest Plan Revision. He said the July release is contingent on WDFW report and is not going to be done until October.

Andrew Spaeth discussed the realist monitoring aspect of the Forest Plan.

The next meeting is going to be August 17th, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

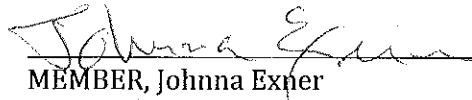
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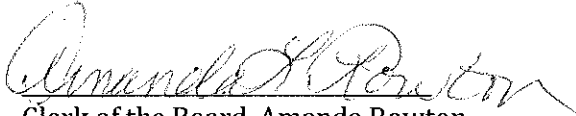
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Clerk of the Board, Amanda Rowton