

Board of Okanogan County Commissioners
Monday, Jan. 25, 2021 PM

JD—Jim DeTro, BOCC chair, District 3
AH—Andy Hover, BOCC vice-chair, District 1
CB—Chris Branch, BOCC, District 2
LJ—Lalena Johns-clerk to the Commissioners

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Summary of significant discussions:

Commissioners realize there's no broadband presentation today and so there's nothing on the agenda. They have a discussion about a piece of property Conservation Northwest may buy to resell to the CCT. Since the property is not on the reservation, there may be property tax implications. AH and LJ also discuss thumb drives.

00:00—Commissioners realize that due to a mix-up, the broadband presentation was actually given during the January 11 BOCC meeting.

03:45—Commissioners discuss a piece of property that CB has learned Conservation Northwest may be interested in buying a property to sell to someone else. The Figlinski property.

AH—They're interested in buying it?

CB—Yes. And selling to someone else.

AH—For a conservation easement or what?

CB—No restrictions. (To AH)—You don't like that?

AH—No. I'm OK if it stays on the tax rolls. Even if it stays in open space, I'm not necessarily opposed to it.

CB—You're interest is in tax implications off reservation?

AH—Yes. That's my big deal.

JD—Which tribe?

CB—Ours.

JD—What were they going to do with it?

CB—I don't think they're going to do anything more than manage it for timber and grazing.

AH—Can they take the water and move it downstream?

JD—There's no water on it. Another buyer bought the property that had water on it.

AH—I guess without knowing the extent of what's going on, we can't really say.

JD—There's not much timber there.

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AH—Can we write a letter to the Lands Commissioner? We can't stop a sale, but if we write a letter saying we don't support a conservation easement...

AH—Well, I'm opposed to it until I know exactly what it is, and then I might be for it.

12:40—Brief discussion of transferring files via new thumb drives to avoid corruption.