

Board of Okanogan County Commissioners  
Tuesday, October 20, 2020 PM

Present:

Jim DeTro (JD) – BOCC Chair, District 3  
Chris Branch (CB) – BOCC Vice-Chair, District 1  
Andy Hover, (AH) – BOCC, District 2  
Lanie Johns (LJ) – Clerk of the Board

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Summary of Significant Discussions or Actions:

considering purchase of shipping container for Emergency Services, fairgrounds updates, Letter/Resolution approving the implementation of WRIA-49 plan protecting current water users and especially agriculture with addendum and including a minority report. Resolution 130-220, discussion of Biochar project, temporary use permit. Landfill continuing to work with EPA and DOE regarding asbestos

09:15 – Discussion with Emergency Services manager, Maurice Goodall, regarding purchase of shipping container/containers to store items needed in emergency.

09:30 – Naomie Peasley, Fairgrounds Manager. Still some hay to be distributed to fire survivors. A local cafe will donate table and chairs to the fairgrounds in exchange for advertising. Ms Peasley will bring contract next week.

Ms. Peasley also asking permission to be part of a roundtable discussion on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Discussion of the cost of propane to heat Agriplex and how to charge users for this. Propane bills are \$800 every 2 weeks.

Discussion Fair Advisory Group and Fair Manager duties.

10:19 Branch read letter/resolution he drafted accepting the WRIA 49 plan's recommendation. Part of the Streamflow Restoration Act. Also, adding an addendum of continued communication/meeting with Dept of Energy re: Adaptive management.

Lengthy Discussion regarding water planning

10:38 – concerns about Minority Report received regarding possible violation of rules; using consensus, rather than a vote.(Roberts Rules of Order) Letters from Farm Bureau addressing issues.

11:10 – Resolution 130-220 Approving WRIA-49, with addendum moved, seconded, and carried

11:13 – Josh Tomson, County Engineer, Public Works

Discussion of Biochar Project in the Methow. Temporary Use permit needed, and they have requested to waive the fee of \$1,000. However, a hearing with public input will be needed and a SEPA – although one was completed many years ago. This project is expected to be on county land. Too much power is required for REA so will be using a generator, 24 hours a day for 3 days per week. Noise concern.

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Other business with public works; Miller Pit, landfill discussion. Concern about asbestos. Still not taking garbage (from fire) from Douglas County. Asbestos concern with EPA for tribal lands, and DOE for county

Public Works changing to winter hours on November 9<sup>th</sup>.

Current projects are listed on the annual plan.

11:30 Executive Session with Dave Gecas, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney.

Adjourn for lunch, 11:46