

Board of Okanogan County Commissioners
Via Zoom audio
Wednesday, 5/13/2020

Present

Cmr. Jim DeTro - Chair, District 3

Cmr. Chris Branch - Vice Chair, District 1

Cmr. Andy Hover - District 2

Lalena Johns - Clerk of the Board

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Meeting Notes

1:30 - JD and AH are present. (Branch joins later.)

JD - Lanie, do we have anything to talk about?

LJ - Yes. Cmr. Branch wants to talk about something

Letter Requesting Variance for Okanogan County to move to Phase 2.

AH - I sent you a letter a little while ago. Please send it to the other commissioners. I've thought his over since our Board of Health meeting yesterday, and I think we should proceed *(with plans to move forward in requesting a variance to move to Phase 2)* if we can bring the people of this county together.

JD - I agree.

AH - We should put something out to everyone. *(He appears to be referring to Branch's suggestion of yesterday, to educate the county better as to how the Corona virus is spread.)* We can do it as a county, but all going in the same direction. If we got the Tribal Council to write a letter saying we can do it, if Public Health can write a letter saying we have the resources to protect our citizens and it is up to the people of the county to change things a little bit..... My grandfather was in World War II. The things people did as a nation to fight a common enemy..... women went to work in factories, men went to war.....I think the people of this county can do the same thing.

JD - One thing we can't do is chew the same piece of leather at every meeting and nothing gets done. We need all three of us and all of the mayors to make it so that things can be a little bit different.

County Fair: Fred Vjeraska says that by June 1, we must decide upon whether we will have the County Fair. That is when people start spending money to prepare for the Fair.

Talk moves toward the Fair committee..... The talk is to put Natasha *(4H person)* and maybe Kayla too on the committee *(last names not mentioned.)* Hover says that Natasha has some good ideas about how to allow the kids to show their animals and still be able to sell them, even if we don't have the Fair.

Branch joins the meeting. He agrees with the plan and says it's what he has supported all along. Hover says any edits to the draft letter will be appreciated, and the letter can be discussed at next Monday's meeting.

End of meeting