

BOARD OF OKANOGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Notes,

1.10.17
1:30 - 4:00 PM

Content: *Board of Health:* TB billing, Vouchers, Payroll, Charter, Board Vacancy, Appointments, new board member orientation (Enviro Health, Community Health.) *BOCC:* Community Action letter and contract issue resolved; Weed Board orientation.

1:30: Board of Health Meeting - Public Health Building 1234 S.2nd Ave, Okanogan

Present:

Admin:

Lauri Jones (LJ - Community Health Director)
Dave Hilton (DH - Environmental Health Director)
Carol Bagley (CB - Treasurer)

Board members:

Jim DeTro (JD - BOCC)
Andy Hover (AH - BOCC)
Chris Branch (CB - BOCC)
Steve Varrelman (SV- industry rep)
Larry Zimmerman (LZ - industry rep, by phone for first part of meeting.)

Absent:

Dr. John McCarthy - Health officer
Neysa Roley (Oroville rep, Board member - may have resigned?)
Marianne Williams (ARNP, Board member)

Lauri Jones: We are a 7 member board - need 4 for a quorum. Marianne can't be here today, unfortunately, but we have a quorum.

JD calls meeting to order.

Business:

Under board of health, need to do year-end review but do not have all data. Will discuss member orientation, and the rest in February.

DH: Add TB billing under community update.

Public comment period: (No comment)

Election of Board of Health officers. Normally done in January . Need motion to — move that DeTro be chair. moved, seconded. confirmation. Motion carried.

Draft of last meeting. Andy was here as a guest. What we normally do is present the minutes for approval. Did all have a chance to look at this?

Larry is on the phone. Location: Tucson.

(Pleasantries)

Laurie - Larry, did you receive documents? We are on draft minutes.

To inform you, the rest of the board nominated and sustained JD as chairman of board this year.

JD - we are down to approval of minutes

AH - Moves to approve. Seconded, Approved

Treasury report. Carol: Did something new. I highlighted so you know where to look. Second page - Treasu report - 94,528in revenue. Deposit in cash on hand shows same thing. Payroll - 70,197 - cash on hand also. All match up. Apology to Larry that he doesn't have reports. We do balance. Carol - paid all bills, and are ready for next year. 56,000 - carry over, due to food handler permits. Received more that anticipated.

DH- talking about types of food handlers' permits, etc.

SV - salaries and benefits. Is this a monthly? Number of people?

Carol - 11 people

Questions? None.

Vouchers and payroll.

Laurie - Any questions on vouchers? Sometimes can raise questions under description.

Carol - First line can be deceiving. Warrants - Zero: Report automatically pulls it that way.

(Board all reading paperwork.)

JD - Why is web stamp on there twice?

Carol - Web restaurant did have a use tax. Assuming that's why it was pulled.

JD - Is Century link internal? Yes. Not everyone has wireless.

JD - Questions on vouchers and payroll? None. Motion to accept - Branch. Cash on hand, payroll, etc. sended, passed.

JD - Larry, I will print your name o vouchers and payroll and say that you are on phone . Larry says ok.

Charter discussion, filling Board vacancy, composition of Board, appointments.

DH - Laurie and I looked at current charter. Trying to match up with personnel. We found various shortcomings, not necessarily to Public Health. You have been provided with existing charter and draft. Please look, ask us questions so we can put on the agenda next time for approval or denial. We did this for board's edificaon. Took one piece at a time. Looked at RCW's and came up with a draft as you see it now.

LJ - now that board is established, at the time we had a board where a couple of members did not fit into the existing charter at that time. BOCC was well within rights to change charter at that time. Now that we have a board, it is up to them to make changes. Received call from (?) Roley, and she has resigned. So it is up to Board of Health to replace her.

DH - This is 7- member board with a chair. # of non-elected people cannot outnumber the number of elected. Before business ends today, need to nominate and assign a vice-chair.

We have a vacancy for an elected official. Charter says the OCOG...having talked with several of the mayors who work full-time jobs, they describe a kind of not too functional group for the OCOG .

Chris, do you have experience?

CB: We went to meeting last night. There was a quorum, did work. I thought they functioned well . Some issues that might occur is a (??) target for the meetings - Monday night - if news doesn't get out about meeting, some fall off. They made a quorum. There was a select process for projects that did well.

The board will need to function under the existing charter, which says we need to have the council put that out.

SV- We need someone to fill her position. Elected city official.

JD - We got notification that Pateros is going to have George Brady serving. He is a city council member.)

CB - It says council will select, so that is simple if no one steps up.

DH - Up to the board to appoint that person.

SV - Has George shown an interest?

JD - Pateros had an open spot ...

CB - No that was....SWACK.

LJ - We recommend sending with board's permission to all the majors and ask who is interested. Right now, charter says the BOCC will appoint the rep. Just so you now, the draft Charter for future says it would be the Board of Health, which is how it's been since 1980's. Because at the time the Board was made up of 3 BOCC and elected officials...

JD - Drop me an e-mail and I'll put it on agenda. Re OCOG, it was the smallest session in very long time.

AH - Is geographical representation anything?

LJ - Used to be a board member per district and it would rotate among the cities. Maryanne is the trade person for the medical community. We think that if you let me send out something to the mayors, they can contact the commissioners.

JD - I was going to contact Sue Ing, but you can send out.

LJ - According to current charter, BOCC appoints, but we do not agree with that. That's why you need to look at the draft.

DH - BOCC sets the board, but once established, according to RCW's then the Board makes decision on membership.

AH - You came to this conclusion by this RCW?

LJ - Yes. We are on with several single county districts in the state. I asked them all who amends their charter. All said their Board of Health. The northeast TRI is going through this right now. They have a task force of community members. We did same thing. They are re-writing their charter also. They are a multi-county district. Other single county district - Board of Health is completely....they have BOCC on board too. But the Board of Health is responsible for board business. That is the consensus that I received.

LJ - The other big one - In draft, we are proposing that Board of Health will choose members from qualified applicants. Cities, etc may apply. etc. medical enviro health community members will be sought after advertising in newspaper of record. If we do have a vacancy - Steve and Larry are the industry people. If one of them resigns, applicants come in and board makes selection.

AH - Is this typical of how other boards run?

LJ - Yes. We like our board structure. We are very please with it now.

DH - In light of previous meeting, where board approved me as administrative officer, further review of the RCW..only real requirement is that the board appoint a chairman. MAY appoint an a dmi officer to act as exec secretary. We have isolated this position out...simple reason...the duties include a lot of admin stuff, but I am not in office about 9 months out of the year, so I would be needing to do this when I'm up in Chewasw, etc. This doesn't work well. We want to abbreviate assignments. In lieu of admin officer, we would have executive secretary. That way, it streamlines the function, etc.

Lauri - Last year, I had been performing duties of Exec Secretary. But in existing charter, that position doesn't exist. DH and I act as a team...admin team. We haven't had a one person administrator since 2010. We have kept day to day operations running, etc. Dave and I are the checks and balances of the group. Enviro health and Community Health....it works. Ella was the admin coordinator at that time, did all the HR to the board. When she retired after 30 years, we absorbed that, and we don't feel like we need a figurehead. We understand why some departments need one...but everyone knows who to contact, it works well for our agency.

JJ is the one the board wants (Exec Sec'y) She's doing it now anyway. That will be when the board moves ahead with the new charter.

JD - says the prosecuting attorneyLauri - if conflict of interest, we would have to get our own (attorney?) JD - It does say MAY not SHALL.

Laurie - Now that board is established. BOCC has done their job, the only real difference is the selection process for board members and the executive secretary. Other than that, components are either RCW' or existing charter.

CB - Did not understand comment.

JD - This was the intent anyway. I have no objection.

AH - When you charted the objectives....

Laurie - I don't know where Perry got these objectives.

JD - I think it is boiler plate.

DH - Try to be tactful (joke.)

Laurie - This is what we do...try to protect the public health.

DH - Those objectives did come from Public Health.

AH - You are saying you wrote the draft objective...not these...there was confusion. (All straightened out.)

LJ - Dr. McCarthy couldn't be here, He is traveling but will be at Feb. meeting. He will talk about powers and duties of health officers.

SV - We do...of the Colville Reservation? Do we receive \$\$ from the tribe?

LJ - No. Disease doesn't recognize race, etc. Last year, worked with (Tribal?) nurse from public health. In a disease situation, those boundaries....

DH - I am occasionally working there too. County tax (??) within the boundaries. I am in touch with tribal counterparts all the time.

LJ- He has a really good relationship with the tribe.

JD - Any further discussion?

AH - OK with this as long as the RCW's are followed.

CB - You delimited CO?

? that works fine - extra process - is to do something this board does anyway.

CB - If you had an applicant from every city, is there a criterion that would guide you in making a selection?

? The board doesn't feel it needs to be that limiting, but it can be discussed
Could potentially be an issue.

LJ - a lot of mayors have other jobs and couldn't commit to that.

JJ - when opening occurs, you can set the criteria at that point. You might say we really need someone from a certain area, etc.

LJ - We think the board could consider adopting today...

JD - If we move forward and adopt, should we make the Charter separate from the apportionment of secretary and vice chair?

LJ - I suggest we adopt the draft charter and then...

CB - moves to adopt Charter,

AH - seconds, motion carried.

JD - Any further nominations for Exec. secretary? All in favor? (JJ is appointed officially.) Need a Vice Chair

(Asks Larry over the pone. He doesn't hear.) Any thoughts or ideas?

Anyone? They discuss Maryanne.

SV - Nominates Maryanne.

Larry seconds. Motion and second. discussion?

CB - Is MaryAnn typically here? Yes.

AH - Is she wiling to do the job?

DH - It's everyone for themselves!

She is voted in.

JD - Next - abbreviated version of new member orientation.

New Board Member Orientation - Descriptions of Env. Health, Comm Health programs.

DH - For benefit of new members: Enviro Health deals with huge selection of activities. Food, solid waste, liquid waste inspections. Directly involved with vector control. feases, ticks, ice bats, bears - rabies. Living enviro - huge number in Methow Valley - of overnight accommodations. You will have to deal with these directly. Also, drinking water.

JJ - living enviro includes pools and hot tubs. Drinking water, getting geared up to Group B, help state with Group A.

DH- also do land use from the standpoint of Public Health .. To a certain extent, water adequacy - physically available, not legally. Quality and quantity - then others do battle. Just a general idea....a lot of work for a staff that is 1/2 as big as it was 8-10 years ago. We do a pretty good job efficiency wise - be aware that I have a job I love. The reality is that for last several years, our county has been #1

or #2 for total septic. Last year, we were second only to King County. We are not asking for handouts or freebies. It's a financial edge all the time (?) We try to maintain as efficient an operation as possible.

LJ - Comm health is responsible for control of disease in the county, maternal child health. We have contract with the state to provide services to women, children, families. Also, division of Woman and Family services - we go into the home to help.

JD - Also, Dr. Mc Carthy - The \$15,000 you see - It's at his discretion for emergency. For example, if something breaks out over the weekend.

LJ - break out of pertussis in the Methow.Spt called to see if he had to close the schools. The health officer in the county is the only one who has authority to close schools. We have actually quarantined a person in their homes before - someone who had active tuberculosis. If he left the front porch he would be arrested. Also had a cease and desist to a person with HIV who was preying upon migrant men and would not disclose her HIV status. Health Officer has a lot of authority. Worked at North Valley in private practice and at the hospital. for years. He is the regional WM(Wammy?) Also now in private practice. We rely on communication with him almost daily. He is always available. Knows the county, remarkable man. You will meet him.

Next time - Will cover what we do, how we do it, actual numbers. You may be amazed.

TB (Tuberculosis) billing.

DH - We forwarded a billing to OK County. (\$13,617(December 17.) TB is responsibility of the county. RCW expenditures - RCW's says county shall name a sum to be used for TB control. Not included in your budget. We were fortunate enough a few years ago to get a grant from public health, which gave us \$5,000. Otherwise we would have billed the county for this. RCW says each person's ability to pay shall be assessed by Public Health. We are only billing for the time we spent over 9 months to insure they are taking their pills. We do not have ability to Skype and watch them. In the past, a lot of those with TB have been in remote areas. There will be years when we do not have any active TB. Last January, we had an entire family, which affects schools, jobs, etc. It's normal and routine for other districts to bill the county if they have TB, so we provided the invoice, the RCW, and the breakout of our daily time that was spent.

LJ - We received a response today, from the Clerk of Board of Commissioners. She said sorry, we are sending it back to you! This is nothing the BOCC will be able to ignore.

JD - Joke about unfunded mandates. All laugh.

LJ - Shows how financially devastating disease can be. We had 3 initial people, then had to test other family members. Extended into county, did not originate in our county. We also had to put someone up in a hotel because they were homeless; and because they were active, they pose a huge threat to the community. Wanted them isolated. talked with a local motel, who agreed to put them up at a discounted rate.

AH - Part of that should come out of the Homeless fund.

Laurie - this one was a well-established family.

JD - What to do with this invoice? I was gone when this came in.

DH - This can wreck you. (*Speaking of cost, I think.*)

AH - Maybe we need a contingency fund?

LJ - Other districts have a small fund in a line item. If not used for TB onrol, used otherwise. I would recommend that the BOCC establish that line item for control of TB.

Chapter 70 of RCW's - if you go down, it's it's own (section) With some diseases making a comeback, this is important.....

LJ - Flu is here. (Puts chart up on screen.) No deaths here, but 24 in the state. Scott Linqvist, state health officer declared an epidemic. It's the time of year. We are starting to see flu in the schools, mostly influenza type A. We have schools reporting to us about absentees, clinics and hospitals reporting all the positives to us. If they do not do a swab on everyone, they report it as an influenza - like illness and we count them in. This time of year, you will see a lot of preventive measures on Twitter, etc. Still have some vaccine left. Every year in the past, BOCC has supported flu shots so employees will not miss a lot of work. They funnel people down here. We like to connect with other employees. Prevents a lot of illness in county office.

Mumps - 150 cases right now. So far, Ok Cty is free and a 55th county has just been added. A couple of cases in Yakima. One confirmed. Last fall, a couple at Whitworth in Spokane.

JJ - Surprised no one brought it home for holidays.

LJ - Incubation period can be about 25 days.

DH - Re commissioner districts, # of those immunized: you may want to develop a fund for the Methow.

LJ - School nurse at Liberty Bell is very helpful when it comes to immunization. The Spt is very supportive. You work with what you have. A lot of educated people in the methow. No doubt that this will improve.

AH - offers to go to schools and speak.

LJ - We do not use mercury anymore. Some people don't know that.

AH - This scared a lot of pole, along with the autism scare. A lot of people read and see things..

LJ - I believe people should have the choice, but with the choice comes with responsibility. But if I do not immunize, guess who's staying home. As long as parents understand the ramifications. We have several generations that have never seen the effects of polio. One of my most vivid memories - I left school on Christmas break, and a child in my first grade class had died of polio.

JD - About 5th/6th grade, it was a feared disease.

LJ - when you hear about men who are now sterile because of fevers related to disease, it is.

SV - Do they still vaccinate?

LJ - Not smallpox. Once, we did it in the emergency anti-terrorist...it' still lives in laboratories, possibility for terrorism.

AH - Brings up a good point. Bio-terrorism. What is our role as BOCC When something like that happens?

LJ - Year before last, Christmas season, I receive call from homeland security and Dept of Health saying that someone at SeaTAc who had passed through the screening and was in Mali is coming to your county for Christmas and New year's. You need to make sure ...make contact that if they are symptomatic you need to know what to do. I didn't bother the Charirman on Christmas Eve, but I

did call my Health officer. We'll talk more about that. We would inform our health officer, who would inform chair who would inform board of health.

JD - General public doesn't have any inkling of those types of responsibilities that fall upon us as boards and officers...until something happens.

AH - So it's good to have some sort of protocol.

LJ - We have an emergency response plan. We coordinate with Emergency management at the county. A couple of the exercises we've done - around a food borne illness. NORA virus in terms of Stampede.

JJ - Really, the contamination at Stampede and dispersing to go home was a realistic scenario.

LJ - Public Health not very good at .. we are so good at helping prevent that people often don't know what we do. Hard to toot our own horn in the public when people don't know why it hit them. People don't realize what we do. We are all about prevention. We will share a lot more with you next time.

Hilton - Enviro Health

It's cold out there, be careful. Installer class for 2017 - Steve must attend, BOCC welcome. Trying to line up the Casino for a pleasant educational experience. I do this every year so installers can get their continuing ed credits. They can also go to another jurisdiction's class, but i want to offer it. Sometimes full 4 hours, sometimes less. Last year, got out early

JJ - if new regs, or technology is failing, we address this.

LJ - will send out notice before the next Feb. meeting. Spread the word. Nice to meet you.

END of Board of Health Meeting

Resume at Board of Commissioners' Hearing Room.

**LJ - Lanie Johns, BOCC Clerk
Chris Branch
Andy Hover
Jim DeTro**

BOCC 3:12 - When note taker enters, BOCC is talking with Lanie Johns (Clerk of the Board about Public Health bill to BOCC for reimbursement for TB expens-

es (discussed during Board of Health meeting.) Lanie arguing that it was not a bill, it was for a reimbursement of what they had already paid their employees. Lanie points our difference in budget from what they paid. She says it is not BOCC responsibility. Points to something in the RCW's.

AH/LJ Discussion: -money they spent for TB control should have covered (?) (Going over the papers from Public Health.) They are just asking for reimbursement, which would't even reimburse 2016..if they were to receive this money, it would be revenue, not necessarily going toward. Spent out of last year's budget. Board has approved some of the money from general fund to help supplement the public health budget. So the board could help further if they needed additional funds for TB control

CB: suggests taking this up at the next meeting.

Lael Duncan, Community Action

3:17. Gives a letter to the BOCC in which the BOCC terminates the contract with Community Action for homeless housing, requesting a refund of some substantial funds within 30 days. *(note taker - this is a result of the last BOCC meeting in which Lael had to leave before the meeting was finished because of a public hearing and was already booked for the rest of the day. BOCC continued the meeting anyway without her. The people in her department and others involved with the issues stayed, and a consensus (or decision) was reached without her.)*

BOCC : We would like the minutes posted to the website. if we don't do it, we think it might not happen. *(Point is unclear.)*

Lanie - *(Apparent interruption?)* We should have a discussion about the processes we have been using that need to be changed. Normally, the county would approve the minutes in the consent agenda, and then in Wednesday distribution we would distribute the info and update the minutes.

CB - - So at 5 PM, include minutes?

Lanie - Has an EMS item . Need to reconvene as Methow EMS and then go back to BOCC. The vouchers are prepared and have been organized - every voucher included here. Otherwise, they are listed in this certification form. The sheets you signed.

AH - Reconvenes as Methow Valley EMS district. Moving and seconding

CB - moves to approve voucher for Methow Valley EMS. Seconded by DeTro. approves other vouchers too, for payroll, etc.

Lael Duncan, Community Action

Lael - Lael presents a letter to the Commissioners. Says this letter came as a surprise, came at a very untimely time. We are dealing with a lot of homeless right now. The letter asks Community action Asks the to rescind the letter and wants to work together regarding funds to be collected and funds from 2016 -

JD - It's procedural. If the state auditor had sent hat fund being housed outside the ability of Ok county in a fund our treasurer didn't know about it.

LD - they knew about it.

LD - There is dispute over the amounts.

LD - WE don't have a problem about what has happened, but we need time to come to an agreement as to how the funds would be distributed. We already agreed on how some of the funds would be spent. The letter is not accurate. We have made reports over the years...were trying to flow out 2016. I don't care if the...in talking with other members of coalition, they are fine with the county managing funds going foward..

JD - We will have to get auditor and treasurer on the same page. The way I understood it, Nancy by statute is the one that is the one who adjudicates the 2060 funds. Remember..the reason that letter went out was so we do not get in trouble with the state auditor.

LD - Nancy is not the controlling body. There is a reference to housing authority re elligibility, not in terms of ????? - couldn't hear.

JD - This was Mrs. Kennedy - you may have to get her input. She was trying to work out the housing authority part of it.

LD - Shows him what the legislation says

CB - One concern I have - this is an 11th hour move - it's like what happened with the ...tourism council - here you are in the middle of your finances...some-

thing that has been going on for some time....all of sudden, whack. Do this. It's unreasonable.

AH - You have funds allocated, right? You on Jan 1, 2017 you have x amt of dollars in that fund. Right. And you have allocated that \$\$ to certain project. So I think what we are wanting is to bring that money back under county housing and you give a list of the disbursements of the allocated funds, and then we were going to disperse them out of....

LD_ The problem is it takes a lot of time to do this, and right now we need to get the \$\$ out to housing for the homeless.

JD - What this does is that it cancels the contract so that the new contract going forward will be in compliance. So we will bill for the 4th quarter of 2016 so we can distribute funds. Doesn't cancel allocated funds so the contract is canceled.

LJ - Would be administered by the county not Comm Action, which is consistent with....

JD - This is contractual only, it does not freeze fundings already allocated.

LJ - But it does request that these funds be known whatever money you are holding, what is obligated.

AH - if you have 100,000 in the bank, how much is obligated.

LD - We have held these for a long time..you are not asking us to go back in (history..?)

JD - Still your money, just going to be held by county

LD - This is right in the middle of trying to serve homeless and I will be gone for a considerable amt of time with various meetings. Just want to have time to do it.

JD - This is only to show that contract will be canceled....to be in compliance with auditor.

AH - if we are moving forward in 2017, you know how much \$\$ is in that account...

LD - We are also....we have not gotten figures from the auditor.

LJ - Last bill we paid was \$29,000...which was everythg in that fund. Lael classifies. We have not relying upon current years' funds....

LD - leaves so as not to take time from weed board.

JD - In the interim, you should go on...

AH - have to be careful, because we are trying to start a new process of housing that money...you say you are allocating funds that were previous year's funds. So everything in that account is from 2-16?

Lael - 2016, 2015, 2014....we had so many requests this year that we had to use the funds.

AH - so in 2-14, if you allocated some funds, would it have been used in 2014? confusing. Trying to make this division of funds.

Lael - ___?___ will be going forward from 2016. When we know how much \$\$ is there, and you give us your allocations, there will probably be some \$\$ that will be allocated. We have never had an audit...our books are pristine.

JD - If they knew that account was outside....WE would get fined. If 30 days is not enough, give us a reasonable amount of time when you can do this.

LD - A total of 60 days from the date of the letter, it would be workable.

CB: I want to weigh in on this...when you are running a program like that and you are allocating funds, it is not cut and dried. That is allocated across the coalition, and slightly more complicated than that. I can't see the expectation that suddenly the money (is due) The accounting is important. It's the way we do business. I understand that we are in trouble. But sometimes this type of business can be a little harsh. We have done that with a couple of ___ that have been around for while. I'm not against accountability. But we should not be treating organizations like they have been doing something wrong.

LD - Phone calls work wonders.

JD - I agree, but in this instance, if all the ___?___ were under the purview of Cmr. Kennedy and she reported back to us.. If we didn't know....

LJ- We have agreement of 60 days..she will write a letter .

JD - I agree - Just as I stated, she reported to all the committee, all meetings, the auditor and ?..... said they cannot be housed outside the county.

LJ - We were not getting anything from the projects - the last project we knew about was Pine meadows. Between then and now, Community Action has been collecting the funds and it's been building up - not utilized since Pine Meadows. The MOU'S and contract, etc. should have been supplied. That wasn't happening. No accountability at all.

CB - the BOARD has the responsibility for these being clear. If you try to fix something at the end of the year, it does not bode well for the organization.

AH - talk about wanting to improve communications overall.

Ana Lyons - Weed board. (*Talks very rapidly, difficult to record accurately.*) Manager of noxious weeds office. Larry Hudson, assistant manager. Happy about weeds being covered up during the winter. We have in this packet our calendars, our weeds board is across border with Canada, work with Ferry county and others. fence line doesn't matter. We have partnerships going all over the place with Ok Cty weed management. USFS, BLM, Bureau of Rec., WDFW and more. Also, aquatic weed management area. We have always shortened the titles to Upper Columbia. About 8 counties and others...also a framework of working together on other /?? Also in your packet is the current noxious weed control list for Ok County. Wa admin code....we were going for short list but it is not. ? Mandatory eradications, 5-6 class A's Down to 5 now. One of those is Spurge Flax 10 new sites this year, because of ATV's on private lands. Being spread by fire suppression activities. Need to do something.

AH - I have heard toad flax...not the same thing..Spurge flax. Only member of its own little family. They are needed and endangered wherever it came from . Also ,, (names several other plants.) Those are all mandatory eradication. B designates...quite long. Not all in Okanog County, If we see it, we have to eradicate. Class C - do not require control of those . require education. 2 of those weeds are in green We will be holding weed list hearing on Jan 25 at weed board meeting. Sandspur and puncture vine(??) - want to make it mandatory directly along the road ways. Pub Wks have been doing great job along roads, but green areas....more attention...hoping to work with Pub wks on county program, and get back to 24 hour turnaround. Only can go so far so fast...(couldn't hear.) We have a lot going on. We have education stuff, offer two pesticide license info classes. You can come in, get 6-8 credits. 2 classes, 12-14 credits.

AH - pesticides/herbicides? Ana - timing is our thing. Try to focus toward heroic use. Sometimes fit in biocontrol, integrated weed management. Also we have staled about other aquatic species. I am on invasive species council, so stuff tike that comes up. We have a lot of stuff going on this time of year. Grant work. applying for grants. Living on grants. ...this year we will have staff. Canada came forward this year...this year...wonderful glossy calendar. you can write on it. Showcases individuals on every month who have dedicated a huge portion of their life to noxious weeds. 4 people from Okanogan, 4 from Ferry, one lady out of Omak, funds the whole thing on her own..Also included aquatic week management. Ok Cty has started aquatic program, quite different for us. Palmer Osoyoos, Spectacle, Conconully, Salmon already onboard for aquatic treatments. looking to add Patterson, ??? and Alta (all in Methow.) Everyone is same board, rowing together.a lot going on . If you have questions at any time, come up hill, come into office, do cofee in the mornings. WE believe that more info is better than not enough.

See separate document for 4:00 PM.