

BOCC
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Edited

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This whole morning is a BOCC study session. Generally doing admin duties. Read emails, papers, signing of stuff. Occasional discussion on items. Pretty quiet at times with long pauses between communication.

Arrived at 9:05 and there was an ongoing discussion of grazing numbers on public lands due to fire issues. *The issues is report by JD that some public land grazers are being forced out of their USFS permits due to damage to range. JD reports that due to fire some grazers were forced to keep too many head in portions of the allotment. He does not contend that there wasn't damage.*

Miscellaneous Items: Cattle and fire, maintenance; VSP (Voluntary Stewardship Program; KREM investigation on fire; HS use of Agriplex; Forest Practices Board; PEBB insurance for employees & issues with that; possible meeting with 7th & 12th legislature on Tuesday; Marijuana waste burning; VSP/meeting with Farm Bureau, Dec. 17th - avoidance of GMA jurisdiction; coordination with PUD in emergency situations.

Cattlemen's booklet

Wants a copy of Cattlemen's Booklet on grazing numbers through 2014, was interesting – **RC**, was passed on to **PH**.

SK – passed on a request for Okanogan HS to use Agriplex. OHS will do maintenance and cleanup. – Complex was closed down due to seasonal cutbacks.

VSP - Farm Bureau/VSP

RC – something about VSP, *too quiet to understand*, chatting with **SK**. **SK** ranchers have to write plan of action. Need to be approved by Public Lands (Conservation District?), just for new operations not current usage. **RC** – need to hear from Farm Bureau (*FB has right of approval or primary input on many issues, also Cattlemen's*). **SK** – Con. Dist. ones also supporting land acquisition?

Fire investigation/Detro as rep/Wildfire advisory committee

SK KREM investigation that DNR has not followed up on Com. Goldmark statement to contact land owners in Carlton fires. **RC** – discussion of Pub. Lands. Committee to review fire re-

sponse. Advocating for **JD** to be representative for East Side. **SK** - Goldmark make appt.? **JD & RC** disagree some what, Need to look into process to see. **SK** – reading email Wildfire Advisory Committee – looking for people to apply. App is out.

Okan. HS – practice schedule M – TH 3:30 – 5:30 ?

SK – no decision on insurance, today deadline. Union wants to go with PEBB. Need to apply. – from Rocky. Didn't make a decision last week.

JD – 1) Forest Practices Bd, DNR 2) Board of Natural Resources; This is what he was talking about not Wildfire Bd.

JD – “Les” needs to keep track of carbon footprint and pay tax when fly over Europe. (*Maybe 747 and other fire aircraft – Evergreen Helicopters that JD spoke of a while ago?*)

PEBB Insurance

PH – comes in and asks about insurance. **SK** – PEBB is requested by unions. Need to contact “Rocky.” **PH** says always a right to do what BOCC wants.

LJ – to **PH**, possible 7th & 12th legislatures may be in tomorrow (Tuesday) @ 2:30. Had gotten BOCC letters was a time conflict over two different letters, confused as to appropriate time. Maybe 2:30.

PH – discussion over IA concept, other issue on schedule. **PH** leaves.

SK – not charging OK HS for use of Agriplex? **RC** – maybe not OK due to giving away a public resource. **SK** – Charge for heata & Elec.? **RC** – need to read meters before & after, also propane.

(I brought up a discussion over co-ordination with PUD during emergency power times. Also over a contact list of people who may be impacted by power emergency. E.e. medically fragile, pump for fire protection, etc. BOCC listened & discussed issue. Pointed me toward Emergency Mgmt – Maurice) 1) emergency contact list, 2) co-ord with PUD, 3) BPA supply constraints

SK – checking on **JD** gone next week, Tuesday. Did he let Bd of Pub. Health know? – **JD**, no, but **RC** reminds that **JD** had mentioned at a mtg last week with Pub. Health.

LJ – forward message about Union wanting PEBB to “Rocky?” (*This PEBB preference was a late development last week, wonder why it took so long to cone to a head when the deadline is today?*)

LJ – Debbie Arnold is college person doing research on past & Present BOCC. Will be in at 10:30 to discuss & ask questions for 30 min on Wed.?

Marijuana Waste Burning

LJ – got complaints about marijuana waste burning. Cannabis not considered an ag crop under Senate Bill so not ag wasted and protected burning. Falls under solid waste and would fall under that header. Counties cannot give permits for burning as that would be less stringent than state. Complaints need to go to state, not sure who to though.

General discussion of ways County can control growing of marijuana. – zoning, solid wasted, etc. Due to state law and removing from ag crop, Fed law complicated. **PH** sent out info that WSLCB allowed a brewery that went against a local zoning. This indicates WSLCB may have ability to overrule County. But County could challenge in court but that would end up in St. Supreme court.

Maintenance, software, invoices.

LJ – refers to piece of software that makes reports on upkeep & replacement of a wide variety of Bldg equip. – HVAC is an example or any warranted equipment. Previous person had not entered info to make program useful. **LJ** says getting more and more difficult to keep on all varieties of items with this need. – office eqpt, maintenance, appliances, filters, HVAC, supplies, schedules for replacement, warranties and more. Need to make a part of job to enter data to make software useful. This for all clerk types.

SK – did fix on floor of agriplex? Garbage truck not fixed, had to get outside service. Did schedule for interviews for fairgrounds position? **LJ** - Not yet but got a new, very good application.

Some discussion of a person from County coming to **LJ** to go over some invoices to get details correct. One was over an invoice on trailhead that County does not own. Claim that “whatever” brings a lot of money into County but **LJ** says want to see documentation that that is true.

Price of Purchase of new Juvie vehicle.

RC, JD & SK: Purchase of new vehicle included extra add-ons that inflated price. (*Juvenile car: from old discussion, as mentioned that was a purchase without permission*) **JD** - gas \$ spent don't match up for numbers of vehicles operated – 8, only maybe \$40 spent on fuel for each vehicle. Wonders about how much usage and need.

New Wolf Pack

SK – see have new wolf pack. **RC** – discussion of whether one or two packs, newar Omak & Loup Loup? **SK** – indicating reports of sightings around “Omak.” **JD** – says F & W denied a kill as a wolf kill in August but **JD** claims he can tell and so told person that it was a wolf kill. **SK** reads more of aarticle and has derisive chuckle about “attempt” to collaring to monitor pack during 2016.

VSP/Farm Bureau/CAO/GMA appeals board

RC & SK – some meeting at 4:00 Dec. 17 with Farm Bureau, need to let Con. Dist. if in or not on VSP. Further discussion confirms this is a VSP issue. Thurston & Chelan working on theirs. Limited state \$ to implement plans. **RC & SK** – concern if County needs to come up with stewardship plan. Or is ranching individuals to work with Con Dist. VSP is individual while Critical Areas Ord. (CAO) is county carries burden. **RC** prefers local as are voted & appointed locally on local Con Dist. Appeal to where thought? – local or state? **RC** – individual rancher best person to develop best plan for themselves & work with Con. Dist. **SK** - thinking County through CAO. Appeal goes to Growth Mgmt. appeals board. (Reading RCW).

Overall a lot of quiet time as BOCC looks at papers, screens, with occasional discussion.

Consent agenda includes appt. of Wayne Turner to Solid Waste Bd. Also transfer funds to Prosecutor, 430,000. Add Keri as person with signing privileges, 2 horticultural contracts.

Cattlemen's Assn Banquet @ Elks on Saturday. **JD** going, **RC** inquiring. Ticket usually includes Assoc. member dues.

JD asks about PEBB. **SK** says going over options. Have to decide today which option.

RC asking of **LJ**. Quad Mtg – 10:00 am Friday? **LJ** – yes.

Some back and forth about exact name, group for medical. Looking up last years resolution. Basically appears **SK** studies, makes recommendation and rest of board agrees. This might cover courthouse, juvenile and other such employees. **SK** leaves to talk about medical plans

Lunch Break – 12:15, Return at 1:05

Conservation District - Discussion of pro's and con's in relation to Critical Areas. Questions as to choices of other counties, appeal processes.

Conservation District people – Craig Nelson. BOCC considering as lead agency for VSP program. Discussion and intro of concepts. **PH** suggesting Con Dist as body. It's a BOCC decision if they stay in VSP. Cons Dist people laying out time line and asking about how they fit into the process. Wouldn't foresee hiring new people. Just do it with current plan. **SK** wants to use CAO, trying to figure it out. Concerned about ability to take on work load given current fire workload. Con Dist agrees with issues.; needs to take a serious look to see if it can handle work load. Their Bds issue. **JD** what do tother Con Dist say? **RC** – removal of county from appeal process a concern. **PH** – as required county regulation how can they be removed from process? County needs to adopt something. **RC** – BOCC does not have expertise to address issues. **Con Dist** very little process in place across state. Will need to create as go along. Chelan Con Dist doesn't work closely with county. Chelan planning taking on lead agency for VSP. Generally in dark across state. Big unknown. **RC** – wants individual rancher to work out agreement or opposed to a county-wide CAO that would not be specific. Con Dist – maybe VSP better because of ability to be specific to situation as opposed to broad, nonspecific CAO. Arguing that VSP under Con Dist has flexibility to meet goals. **PH** – discussion of splitting into 2 separate water boards with Okanogan & Methow. Bd (**RC**) disagrees. Con Dist – will ask if others is this is possible. **PH** – similar process to others – GMA, watershed Analysis. Outlying watersheds – San Poil, Myers, Toroda maybe be problematic. Each watershed may have differend details (WIRAs?). **PH** – asking about working resolution, anything that needs to modify now. Need to designate admin, how may in working group. **PH** arguing that VSP allows more of a balancing of Ag & Protection than CAO. Maybe Skagit & King models are examples. *(PH may be arguing both sides of the discussion at this point, smelling direction of board?)*

Public Hearing over Salary of Coroner

Coroner presents case; working 105% of fulltime, had to define job through research and training. Busier than comparable counties and they are on fulltime. He's at 60%. He ran for position knowing

60% of fulltime salary. Previous BOCC set salary. BOCC denies request because knew % ahead of time. Bad precedent and bad budget this year.

1:30 - Perry Huston: Planning and Administrative Updates

WDFW/USFWS – still not time to meet with director.

Fisher listing: Fisher – no ability so far to determine source of decision. If any fed \$ then could get involved under consultation provision. If state, then could possibly use SEPA, originally on state list. No apparent process historically. Submitted FOIA for supporting documents under original act for wolf. Fisher on same list. No supporting documentation. Again **Conservation NW** involved according to **PH**. **RC** is there a need. Fear of regulation on private property. Doesn't think there is any info to support endangered status. Concerned about impacting private forest and/or grazing. **PH** – wolverine analysis was done an a change in climate & lack of snow pack. Claims that fisher coincides with Inslee carbon tax. Obama carbon dioxide in air, this leads to fisher. **RC** still wants to see analysis. BOCC wants to proceed. **PH** wants to write letter and do records request to see if ConNW involved. **SK** – starts with records or not. Then use that to shape letter. **PH** – will move forward, 1) letter to Director, 2) records request.

Nothing new on USFS - “Consultation” rule/ Coordination

JD – complication that some grazers abused parts of grazing allotments. Permits in jeopardy as a consequence. Want BOCC support & intervention. Wants to be able to invoke “Consultation” rule. Believe Christina Baumann was moved out of Tonasket RD due to her lack of co-op with new ranger. **PH** Feels this is example of continued need to coordinate and example that they are repeating past behavior of not “consulting” with county. Lack of final decision prevents ability to challenge.

JD – travel plan letter, any response? **Ph** – need to put in suggested date for consultation & coordination. Put on travel mgmt letter & Forest Mgmt Plan.

Zoning:

PH zone code. Ask for public hearing for month extension of interim code.

SK – letter about Pierce Co. & WSLCB. Zoning over ruled by WSLCB license allowing brewery. How does this apply to marijuana. **PH** – state figures to WSLCB ruling are OK, but what happens locally is a local issue as to zone regulations and other.

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