

**Board of Okanogan County Commissioners
(BOCC)
April 17, 2018**

Jim Detro – JD (BOCC)
Chris Branch – CB (BOCC)
Andy Hover – AH (BOCC)
Josh Thomson – JT (Public Works)
Debi Hilts – DH (HR)
Joe Poulin – JP (Maintenance)
Perry Huston – PH (Planning)

Lanie Johns – LJ (BOCC Clerk)
Ben Rough – BR (Public Works)
David Gechas – DG (Civil Att.)
Tanya Craig – TC (Risk Manager)
Leah McCormick – LM (Treasurer)
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Summary: Kurt Ziegler of NPR - Grizzly reintroduction process, Civil Attorney, Short Haul RR, Maintenance (Fair: Weed spray, rentals & extra work, Water system, Trustees usage), NPR. – grizzly reintroduction, PWorks: Administrative (CCT meeting, SW Plan, CDL & MOU, Scale software, Land sale, SW Tipping Fees), Engineer (Maintenance & Road Conditions, Elmway Levee, Mazama Levee, Peter Dan Rd slide repair, Conconully Sewer repair, Edelweiss Sewer Force Main Replacement), Yakama Tribe meeting, Omak Stampede Rep, Fair Events Coordinator position, Noxious Weeds Quarterly Report, Narcan & Sheriffs Dept, Solid Wasted Public Hearing on Management Plan, Consent Agenda Approval.

9:00 All present. Staff Meeting and reports.

9:05 Adjourn and reconvene as Oroville EMS.

- Approve vouchers for Rural Oroville EMS to Lifeline. Adjourn as Oroville EMS and reconvene as BOCC.

- Move to approve vouchers and payroll. Approved
- Move to approve Public Health vouchers. Approved

Kurt Ziegler of NPR asks to interview Jim Detro about reaction to Interior Dept. stopping and then restarting **Grizzly reintroduction process** in North Cascades. He needs a quit place and will interview JD in his private office. Will do.

DG (Civil Attorney)

- Has been reviewing of county ordinances being applicable to incorporated areas. They are not. Was asked by a Sheriff's Deputy.
- Looking at an agreement with CCT and their not being required to use SW landfill but could have an inter-local to do so.
- Concerning possible meeting with Yakama Tribal Council out of county. Would not be a good thing to do due to making a quorum.

- CB: there have been MOUs that agree to do some things though not waiving Sovereign Immunity. Discussion of relationship with tribe and the use of the SW landfill. Just using as a customer at the landfill at this time
- No other business.

PH (Planning)

- no more
- Grizzly Bear discussion – wants to go to JD office. Kurt Ziegler, NPR, is developing a radio report on Interior Dept. on reversal of decision to introduce Grizzly into the North Cascades. He wants to interview Commissioners about possible re-introduction of grizzly into Cascades
- CB has contacted **short haul RR** about their raising rates. This might be a serious blow to local economy. Congress apparently did not extend tax break for infrastructure improvement. CB encourages everyone to take time to contact Congressional representatives to support RR infrastructure improvement support.

JP (Maintenance)

- Has talked with Ag Tech and been told that it would be about \$600 to treat the Fair Grounds for Puncture Vine and Sand Burr. They would need to be another treatment later in the year.
- Needs to separate irrigation and potable water systems, their needs to be valves to separate the two systems.
- AH already has talked with Reed. He is leaving the rest of the details to JP to continue. Fair currently has 2 riding mowers – 1 needs a belt and other an oil change. A 3rd is taken apart and JP isn't sure why. One is not working well, now it is fixed – it had a big blockage in the air cleaner.
- Need to add a labor rate that would be applied to Fair rentals when they require extra work to prepare to be rented. When work is required it would be on a case-by-case basis per hour depending on need.
- CB asks GT (George Thornton) to review DNR cur on Virginia Ridge near Sun Mtn Lodge. Issue is the recommended stand density after treatment. Options are 6, 21 or 30 leave trees per acre with a mixture of age groups.
- AH & JP: looking at Grandstand condition. Possible to repair and recondition.
- JP asks about a go ahead to pressure wash the beef barn at the Fair Grounds.
- TC – AH asks about Vintage Faire and need to rent Beef Barn and desire for pressure wash. Wants to capture additional cost of pressure wash. Need to establish a standard hourly rate.
- AH: an issue over use of trustees being “permanently” assigned to landfill. Thought to use elsewhere when needed for other work. There may be some grant restrictions on the trustees' usage.
- AH – possible Veterans CO share with Douglas County has fallen through due to objection in Douglas County.

JD returns from interview with **NPR**. Issues are with possible introduction sites. AH is talking about a quick showing of NPR in the Methow Valley area and possible

complications. Craig Verasjka is concerned about grizzly intro: cattle predation, USFS has a multiple use mandate as compared to National Park. AH is concerned about safety and need to use a wide variety of safety procedures and the burden that it would impose.

10:30 PH & TC: Contract with the Vintage Faire has been reviewed. Some disagreement about needed cleaning and conditions of contract. Acknowledgement of pressure washing cost but it is not in the formal contract. There was a verbal discussion along with other needed work to fix for VG needs. AH – wants to add a labor rate for extra ordinary preparation – in future the communication will improve and will cover reasonable costs.

JD – has heard second hand that CPR (Crop Production Services) has a new trailhead and has been told that rates are going up above agreed rate. CB & JD emphasize need to support rail for its potential in County. A big hang up is Congress dropping support.

PWorks (BR & JT)

Administrative (BR)

- BR is encouraging a joint meeting with the CCT Council. It would be monumental
- Majority of interviews of Summer Temps are done – will have all but one truck driver filled.
- SW Master Plan hearing this afternoon
- CDL Training & MOU: is not done yet, concern about the Union. No action but just talk. Some employees have passed a rumor of Union opposition. If no action by the end of the week would like a letter from BOCC to emphasize importance and Value. NO idea what the hold up is.
- Noxious Weeds & WSU Extension: Leases agreements are ready to go.
- New SW Scale Software (Scale it): now has a signed contracts, it will go to the BOCC consent agenda next week.
- Ellisforde Transfer Station –D. Taber wants a possible road. BR is concerned over selling a small wedge of land in upper NE corner of Transfer Station property. BR needs to check with DoE if any issues with them. Not a bar to a possible purchase just need to check all bases. Easement might be simpler but Taber prefers purchase. BR will keep BOCC informed.
- Fee Schedule- SW tipping: will wait until after Hearing this afternoon and will review with BR. Stall until discussion with cities. PH to facilitate. CB possible issue Public Health about enforcement. Possible issue on tribal lands, US EPA is Tribal ecology contact. State has no jurisdiction in other issues so would be the same concerning landfull.

Engineer

- Maintenance and Road Conditions

- o 0 OT, 8.5 with shop inventory.
- o Salmon Creek rd – should be open by end of the day.
- o Sinlahekin Rd – water is back into culvert and should be open later today.
- o Loup Loup Canyon Rd – water is over road, a lot more than last year.
- o Grading at fairgrounds – looking at 3 hrs, \$300 – 350 cost if want it done. North access – it will be out of facility budget, not sure of the easement.

- Similkameen Trail wshout – Contractor & BLM involved. Cost is around \$83,000 to \$85,000 to repair. Would put in a road from the East. Will look to PNT, Fed \$. Sen Murray might be able to help.
- **Elmway Levee**
 - ROW progress – could extend fish window through end of Oct. Needs some permanent easements needs to commit to in kind work for CoE.
- **Mazama Levee**
 - Cost share for propose restoration project. Has a design for a box culvert at \$200,000 - \$400,000. County would likely have to cover increased cost. Would increase cost immensely. AH if can keep County costs to original 20% of projects cost would be OK. Next Year.
- **Peter Dan Rd slide repair:** Geo Tech report, angle of slope is a problem and need for a safety margin.
- **Conconully Sewer repair project:** 1st phase Wet Well: has 3 qualified bid calls out.
- **Edelweiss Sewer Force Main Replacement:** Still working on funding, a revenue bond or otherwise a Rural Development loan might be possible.

11:37 **Yakama Tribe meeting:** really wants to meet with all Commissioners. Monday is possible during PH Study Session – concerning Comprehensive Plan, current litigation. Other attendees? It will be a 2-hour block – CB suggests some possible days in May. PH will contact about Apr. 23, 26 or 30th. It will be a public meeting except for litigation Exec Session.

Lunch

1:30 **Omak Stampede Rep.** = looking for a new Queen's Luncheon. Maybe use Agriplex annex May 11. Wanting a fee waiver. LJ reads fee waiver policy. Must serve poor or infirm, or community interest such as a memorial. Fee reduction can be made for a County department. Unfortunately this does not meet the established policy.

DH (Human Resources) Looking at new **Fair Events Coordinator position** and what placement on wage scale. After discussion will be at Level 18 Step 3 - \$38, 172 per year. Stella Columbia is best candidate. Meets almost all of the qualifications asked for. AH recommends starting out at Level 18 Step 3. Moved and approved.

2:00 Bldg Dept cancels – conflict

2:05 AH leaving to meet with NPR to go to Methow.

2:30 **Noxious Weeds – Anna Lyons:**

- **Quarterly Report:** Moving fast and furious to PWorks Bldg. Desks to move down.
- Getting out in the field.
- Cleaning lights & floors. Re-keying, dealing with WSU & Printer. Should be in next week?
- Flowering Rush Summit was in Spokane
 - Very difficult to control
 - Up to 20 ft depth in water – Osoyoos is possible, in Pen Orielle currently.
- WDFW upped inspections for Zebra & Quagga mussels on I-90 & US 395.

- Working with Canada & Montana on Zebra & Quagga mussel issue.
- CB states need to step up on mussel issues
- Had an aquatic class – about 20 people, went through lake procedures, Chem. rep went over herbicides used.
- Moved forward with truck bid. Went with the State bid, locals couldn't match price. Will have by the end of May - 4wd, F150, tows trailer, crew cab.
- Hire one field person back beginning Feb. 1, helping with move and other. Another comes on in June, another early June, hoping to get license. Still looking for one person for the Methow.
- Weed list hearing in January, use the State list and locally require Long Spur Sand Bur, Spurge Flax (Carter Mtn), & Puncture Vine.
- Puncture vine easy to control but need to get early before spreads. Fairgrounds parking lot a bad spot. Need to hand control even after herbicide application.

3:00 TC (Risk Management) – **Narcan and Sheriffs Dept.**

- Naloxone (Narcan): nationwide opiate epidemic of fentanyl, a miniscule amount can cause an overdose.
- Sheriff's in the past did not have its staff outfitted with Narcan.
- One fentanyl fatality last year in County
- Narcan works on all opiates.
- TC got involved because Sheriff's reluctance.
 - o Grant program requires survey and post-usage report
 - o Concern is if a UW survey or Dept. of Public Health and if a requirement. They are willing to use insurance if County would cover Co-pay.
 - o Feeling is that some questions on the survey are too invasive and too opinion oriented.
 - Name is not required on forms or survey (Surveys can be filled out and some questions being left blank).
- TC not able to find out about reasons for some questions.
- Current use of Narcan is to use only when an officer is exposed to an opiate, not for public.
- Several agencies in risk pool are using – no claims or problems.

3:30 **Solid Wasted Public Hearing on Management Plan.** BR, Kathryn of Parametrics, Kent presenting

- BR introduces document – Preliminary draft of the Management Plan, no other materials. Received no comments on the plan. It lays out current system
- 20 yr plan, updated every 5 years – DoE requires, DoE OKs plan.
- Interlocal agreement with towns, municipalities. This satisfies state requirement, agreement requires use of the Central Landfill.
- Private companies use with their own solid waste disposal services, (Green Okanogan, Methow Recycle are examples)
- Plan reviewed and facilitated by advisory committee, government went through all sections (SWAC checked with DoE)
- DoE has 120 days to comment, ends in July

- Will combine all comments and revise as needed for final, then will bring to BOCC for review then will send to DoE for acceptance.
- Dept. of Ag, & WUTC have concurrent comment period
- Notified all SWAC people, state & local governments and agencies of public comment period. Ends with closing by BOCC with only the DoE, WUTC & DoAg having until July to comment.
- Would still allow public comments on any revisions made by DoE.
- SEPA: PH & BR went over Categorical Exemption rules and DoE is exempt so not necessary for a SEPA
- Apple Maggot Quarantine area in Methow – D of Ag may require to address issue. Possible, not a given
- Parametrics has worked with SW since 2017 in developing the plan. A partnership, not just County – includes Tribe, Green Okanogan, Methow Recycle and others. A lot of things put forth and are dependent on DoE grants. Have a great working arrangement with SWAC. Not just Okanogan County SW, is a all entities involved from haulers, to recyclers, to other governments and agencies.
- After DoE approval, BOCC will approve, Public hearing will continue until DoE approval then a 30 day comment on any DoE changes.
- 7 days added to public comment period until next week, add time after DoE 30 day for public comment on revisions to compensate for change. Also add a statement that Plan is exempt from SEPS review. DoE is due July 7 more or less.

3:58 Consent agenda approved

4:00 Adjourn.

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