

Board of Okanogan County Commissioners
Monday, June 7, 2021 AM

Present:

Chris Branch (CB) - Chair, BOCC District 1

Andy Hover (AH) - Vice Chair, BOCC District 2

Lalena Johns (LJ) - Clerk of the Board

(Jim Detro - BOCC District 3, absent)

Cari Hall (CH) - County Auditor (& staff):

Soo Ing Moody (SIM) - Mayor of Twisp (via Zoom)

Sally Ranzau (SR) - Mayor of Winthrop (via Zoom)

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Summary of Significant Discussions:

American Rescue Funds: There is a need for clarification on these issues: the exact process for applying for funds; the distinction between entitled and non-entitled entities, There may be state protocols to follow in some instances, Lanie will research this. Discussion between Agenda Items: There is a growing interest in the use of controlled burns by various state agencies, currently Fish and Wildlife are using controlled burns the most. Methow Watershed Council AH and CB agree that there is a need for clear written language describing the relationship between Water Stewardship Council, Water Stewardship Foundation, County Government, and IG's. Protocols for fiduciary matters needs to be very clear to all concerned. Discussion will be paused for the present and continued at a future date.

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9:05 AM: Pledge of Allegiance, Discussion of agenda changes and miscellaneous items.

9:25 AM: American Rescue Funds: There is a need for clarification on these issues: the exact process for applying for funds; the distinction between entitled and non-entitled entities, There may be state protocols to follow in some instances, Lanie will research this.

10:53 AM: Discussion between Agenda Items: There is a growing interest in the use of controlled burns by various state agencies; currently Fish and Wildlife are using controlled burns the most.

11:00 AM - Methow Watershed Council (Twisp & Winthrop, Initiating Governments): SIM and SR attend via Zoom. AH and CB agree that there is a need for clear written language describing the relationship between the Methow Watershed Council, the Methow Watershed Foundation, the Okanogan County Government, and IG's (Initiating governments.) Protocols for fiduciary matters needs to be very clear to all concerned. Discussion will be paused for the present and continued at a future date.

12:00 PM - Adjourned for Lunch