

**Special Meeting of the Board of
County Commissioners
Natural Resources and Wolves
Tuesday September 18th, 2018 11:00 a.m.**

Location: Lucy F. Covington Government Center 21 Colville St, Nespalem, WA 99155

Introduction of Attendees:

1. Amanda Rowton, Clerk of the Board, commissioners@co.ferry.wa.us
2. Johnna Exner, Ferry County Commissioner
3. Nathan Davis, Ferry County Commissioner
4. Mike Blankenship, Ferry County Commissioner
5. Debra Wulff
6. Jack Ferguson
7. Rodney Cawston
8. Joe Someday
9. Teresa Jenkins
10. Dixie Moore

Call to Order at 11:15 p.m.

Introductions

Debra Wulff read the request for transfer for Hells Gate Road #00170. The Colville Confederated Tribe would take over maintenance. Ferry County Public Works suggested the transfer. The next step is for the Colville Confederated Tribe to sign the resolution and then the Ferry County Commissioners will take that resolution to do the next action.

Discussion was held on how working together in different ways could stretch our dollars. Commissioner Davis discussed the BAT meeting. Commissioner Exner discussed the possibility of sharing equipment. Debra Wulff said there was already an MOU for that. Amanda Rowton asked for a copy of that MOU be sent to the Commissioner's office email and provided an email address to Ms. Wulff.

Discussion was held on coordination and recreation. Commissioner Blankenship discussed connecting our communities. Commissioner Davis discussed the grant office and how to centralize the management of entities that can focus our energy on winning grants. Council Member Jack Ferguson discussed communication. Commissioner Exner discussed getting to a point where we can focus on a specific topic.

Discussion was held on the BLM land that we would have never known about if we didn't communicate. Commissioner Blankenship discussed the Forest Plan Revision and requested a review. Council Member Jack Ferguson said Cody Desautel would be the guy who would look that over. Wilderness is a factor that would not benefit the county or the tribal land. Discussion was held on off-shoot groups that can be developed.

Planning is a hot topic issue. Council member Jack Ferguson said that they need to deal with it but doesn't want to throw anyone under the bus. Commissioner Blankenship discussed the wolf issue

in Ferry County and the multitude of depredations. Commissioner Davis discussed the lack of wildlife in the county. That would mean less hunting, which means less economic enrichment for the local economy.

Discussion was held on how to do an accurate count of animals and how to figure the losses. Hound hunting for cougars is allowed for the tribal members. The hound hunters are losing dogs to wolves when they are hunting. Discussion was held on the Forest Plan Revision. Commissioner Blankenship is concerned with the wilderness and the roadless areas. With no access, we can't fight the fires.

BOARD OF FERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FERRY COUNTY, WASHINGTON



absent
CHAIRMAN, Johnna Exner

Nathan Davis
VICE CHAIRMAN, Nathan Davis

Mike Blankenship
MEMBER, Mike Blankenship

ATTEST:

Amanda Rowton
Clerk of the Board, Amanda Rowton