

**Special Meeting of the Board of
County Commissioners
Tri County Forest Group
Friday February 21, 2020 1:00 p.m.**

Location: Tri County Economic Development District 986 S Main St. Colville, WA 99114 Meeting Room

Introduction of Attendees:

1. Amanda Rowton, Clerk of the Board, commissioners@co.ferry.wa.us
2. Johnna Exner, Ferry County Commissioner
3. Stan Christie, TCMRA
4. Merrill Ott, TCMRA
5. Scott Nielsen, Stevens County Cattlemen
6. Mike Petersen, Lands Council
7. Bart Ausland, USFS
8. Tiana Luke, Conservation NW/NEWFC
9. Maurice Williamson, NEWFC
10. Kevin Arneson, Boise Cascade
11. Andrew Engell, CMR staff
12. Josh Anderson, Vaagen Brothers
13. Bob McKellar, DNR
14. Silas Rappe, TEDD
15. Josh White, USFS
16. Rodney Smolden, USFS
17. Steve Kiss, Pend Oreille Commissioner
18. Gayne Sears, USFS
19. Steve Parker, Stevens County Commissioner
20. Nathan Davis, Ferry County Commissioner

Call to Order

Commissioner Steve Parker opened the meeting at 1:05 p.m. The attendees introduced themselves.

Road Proposal Travel Management

Discussion was held on the letter and supporting documents. Merrill Ott asked if the group was ok with moving the letters forward. Commissioner Parker handed out a form to support or not support to gather information from the group. Merrill Ott did a presentation and answered some questions. The group agreed by majority to send the letter that was presented.

Legislative Proposals to eliminate grazing allotments.

Commissioner Parker handed out an email and discussion was held on the grazing permits on the USFS property. Andrew Engell reported that CMR is opposed to this legislation. Andrew then read a statement from CMR. Mike Petersen said that it would be voluntary and the rancher would get compensation. Maurice Williamson mentioned that culture and customs were not considered by the legislation. Scott Nielsen said the cattlemen oppose the legislation.

Newport District Trail Project Road Proposals

Gayne Sears discussed the 51 miles of road that was proposed for obliteration. They are not drivable and are closed roads. Commissioner Kiss said there are really short roads on one or two of the segments.

Colville National Forest 5 & 20 year Management Plan

Commissioner Parker said he met earlier with Mike Petersen. Mike Petersen has biochar samples and those samples were passed around the room for inspection. It is a kiln that they use. He said it creates very little smoke. The Biochar absorbs 30 times its weight in moisture. Commissioner Parker handed out the Colville National Forest 5 year vegetation management schedule.

Closing Comments

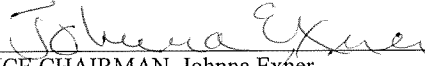
General Discussion ensued.

The next TCFG meeting is September 18th, 2020.

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FERRY COUNTY, WASHINGTON



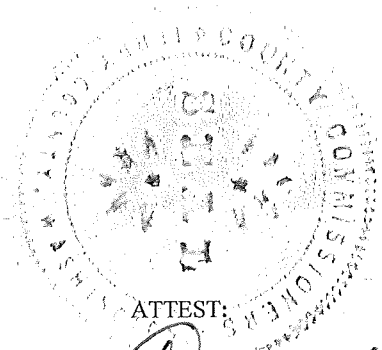
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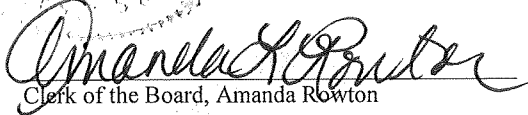
VICE CHAIRMAN, Johnna Exner



MEMBER, Howard Hambleton



ATTEST:



Clerk of the Board, Amanda Rowton