

**FERRY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
November 9, 2022**

Planning Commission Chairperson Terry Thiele called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. Planning Commissioners Phil Bach, David Christman, Nancy Churchill, Scott (Pete) Simmons, Lorna Johnson were present, along with Planner Bill Folks and Planning Commission Secretary JJ Bourgeois. Planning Commissioners Carol Anderson, Johnna Exner, and Margo Locke appeared by WebEx. Ferry County Conservation District Manager Dave Hedrick was present.

Planner Bill Folks presents the document on Agricultural Lands of Long Term Significance.

Class soils and Land Capability Classification are discussed. Lorna Johnson requests removing "Whereas" at the beginning of the sentence and capitalizing the "t" in the. All agree.

Tribal Land/Reservation land size is discussed and has not changed. Lorna Johnson says to add something to the effect "of this 25,215 acres includes long term commercial and hobby farms". Discussion ensues. Livestock and agriculture is discussed. 2017 census livestock numbers are read aloud by Lorna Johnson.

Scott (Pete) Simmons asks about the definition of commercially significant. Lorna Johnson explains and finds the definition within the document.

Lorna Johnson presents the background on the court case and how the court order says there must be designated land for other livestock. Scott (Pete) Simmons states it needs to be put on the record why.

Johnna Exner requests a chart being added to the document to show the low numbers of livestock. All agree the chart of the 2017 Census Report will be added in.

The actual accuracy of the survey and how the USDA conducts is discussed. Commercial significance is discussed.

5:53 PM Lorna Johnson reads aloud the Order Setting Compliance. Johnna Exner states most farms in the County are hobby farms.

All agree to make the changes discussed at the meeting and vote on the document at the next meeting.

6:20 PM Bill Folks presents the documents about rainfall within Ferry County. Dave Hedrick discusses commenting and reports.

Carol Anderson presents the email about the attorney for the County. There is a discussion about Constitutional Attorney vs Corporate Court Attorney.

Nancy moves to set aside the attorney discussion. None second.

Bill goes over the PPP.

Planning Commission Chairperson Terry Thiele adjourned the meeting at 6:51 PM.

The next Planning Commission meeting will be held on November 16, 2022 at 5 p.m. at the Planning Department, 147 N Clark Avenue #7, Republic, WA.

Submitted by:

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JJ Bourgeois, Planning Commission Secretary