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RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OKANOGAN COUNTY

APRIL 11, 2022

9:00 AM Review Commissioners Agenda & Consent Agenda
9:30 AM Briefing Among Commissioners-Discuss Individual Weekly Meetings & Schedule
10:00 AM Discussion Okanogan County Citizens Advisory Committee-Dave Hecker
11:00 AM Discussion Lake Osoyoos Management Area-Larry Hudson
11:30 AM Review Meeting Minutes- April 4 and 5, 2022

The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met for a Public Hearing at 123 5th Avenue North, Okanogan, Washington on April,11 2022 with Chairman, Commissioner Andy Hover; Vice-Chairman, Commissioner Chris Branch; Member, Commissioner Jim DeTro; and the Deputy Clerk of the Board, Crystal Hawley, present.

AV Capture provided audio and video of the meeting held today, while ZOOM provided best audio accessibility and public interaction.

I pledge allegiance was performed.

Closed Session RCW 42.30.110.1(g)

Commissioner Branch moved to go into executive session under RCW 42.30.110.1(g) at 9:02 inviting HR Director/Risk Manager Tanya Everett for 10 Minutes for a public employee. Motion was second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioners requested another 10 minutes.

Executive ended at 9:22 with no decisions made.

Review Commissioners Agenda & Consent Agenda

Commissioners reviewed their agenda and consent agenda.

Briefing Among Commissioners-Discuss Individual Weekly Meetings & Schedule

Commissioners discussed individual meetings they attended.

Discussion Okanogan County Citizens Advisory Committee-Dave Hecker

Dave Hecker, Lead Entity Coordinator explained that the Upper Columbia Recovery Board staff would like to request that the Commissioners review the nominees to the Okanogan County Citizens' Advisory Committee. There are three nominees; Gertrude Webster, Larry Hill and Phil Davis. There are two vacant positions in Okanogan County and one vacancy in Chelan County. Mr. Hecker explained that the Citizens Advisory Committee serves an important role in contributing to the accountability of the Upper Columbia in the allocation of funds from the Washington State Salmon Recovery Funding Board to promote locally led salmon recovery efforts in the region. The Committee also review salmon recovery project grant proposals, attend an annual series of meetings and may also attend project tours.

Commissioner Hover asked Mr. Hecker if he would go over each candidate.

52 Mr. Hecker expressed that Gertrude Webster would be a very strong candidate. She served on
53 the Board of Directors of the Okanogan Land Trust, three of them as President. Her husband and
54 herself own 162 acres in the upper Chiliwist valley, where we have lived since 1983. The Chiliwist
55 Creek flows through the property and we are working with the Okanogan Conservation District
56 and the Methow Beaver Project to restore the riparian area that was burned and flooded after the
57 Carlton Complex fire in 2014. Ms. Webster has a B.S. in Dairy Science and her work experience
58 has been the following:

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60 Manager of Wind's Reach horse farm, Iowa City, Iowa
61 Ohio State University Experimental Research Farm
62 Office and field worker, Crane and Crane Orchard, Brewster, Wa.
63 Manager, Filaree Farm Organic Orchard and Garlic
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65 Mr. Hecker expressed that Larry Hill is every engaged and would be another strong candidate.
66 He has served on the Board of the Methow Valley Fly Fishers for 13 years, 10 as Vice President.
67 He has also served on 5 different WDFW Advisory groups over the past 15 years. Mr. Hill was
68 Chair of the Columbia River Salmon Steelhead Endorsement Advisory Group when it sunset two
69 years ago. The latest committee Mr. Hill served on was the Columbia River Recreational Advisory
70 Group. Mr. Hill is currently working with Crystal Elliot of Trout Unlimited and John Crandall of the
71 Methow Salmon Recovery Board to fund a study to determine the health and status of the West
72 slope Cutthroat in the Methow River Basin. Mr. Hill work experience are the following:

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74 Elementary School Teacher, Environmental specialist- Auburn School District
75 Chief Environmental Education, Alaska State Department of Education
76 Principal, Captain Gray Elementary Pasco WA School District
77 Principal, East Port Orchard Elementary So. Kitsap WA. School District
78 Principal, Lakes Middle School Coeur de Lane ID School District
79 Retired, Liberty Lake WA, Twisp, WA
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81 Mr. Hecker expressed that Phil Davis would be a great person for the committee as well. Mr.
82 Davis owned a business for the first 25 years of his career, including stints in finance, hard goods
83 distribution, retail, and early-stage technology. Around 2005, he left the for-profit world and
84 committed himself to more purpose lead ventures centered around rivers, fish, and community.
85 Mr. Davis was the ED of the Hoh River Trust, then moved into more volunteer board roles
86 including current positions on the Methow Conservancy, TwispWorks, and Methow Housing Trust
87 boards. Mr. Davis were the dreamers and founders of Home stream Park in Winthrop, and I've
88 also taken on a passion project to turn a short story he wrote years ago called, "The Last Salmon"
89 into a feature film.
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91 **Motion- Approve Nominees for Okanogan County Citizens Advisory Committee**

92 Commissioner Branch moved to approve Gertrude Webster and Larry Hill as the primary
93 nominees and Phil Davis as the alternate nominee for the Okanogan County Citizens Advisory
94 Committee. Motion was second. All in favor. Motion carried.
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96 **Discussion Lake Osoyoos Management Area-Larry Hudson**

97 Larry Hudson Manager of Okanogan County Noxious Weed Office gave the Commissioners an
98 update on Lake Osoyoos for Eurasian watermilfoil control. Mr. Hudson explained that the
99 Department of Ecology has some concerns from back when Anna had applied for a permit back
100 in 2020. Lake Osoyoos was treated back in 2020 with a voluntarily quarter mile buffer when Anna
101 put in the permit on the Canadian side. Since then, Anna had been trying to remove the quarter
102 mile buffer. Mr. Hudson is working with the Department of Ecology and Canada on this issue. Mr.

103 Hudson is hoping to be able to use the same herbicide as Canada to resolve the quarter mile
104 buffer. On August 1st there will be a comment period in Canada on the aquatic use in Lake
105 Osoyoos and will be registered by the Canadian Government. This permit will expire every five
106 years. Canada is using CEPRO Energy & Environmental Services. Mr. Hudson would like to work
107 with Canada to have the same product and is hoping this will resolve Department of Ecology
108 concerns.

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110 **Review Meeting Minutes- April 4 and 5, 2022**

111 Commissioners reviewed their meeting minutes.

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114 The board adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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