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Okanogan County VSP Meeting Minutes

1 A regular session of the Okanogan County VSP Workgroup was held on August 4, 2016 at 6:30
2 p.m. in Commissioner's Hearing Room, 123 5th Avenue North, Okanogan, Washington.

3 **OKANOGAN COUNTY STAFF:** Director Perry Huston, Natural Resources Planner Angela
4 Hubbard, Planner 1 Pam Wyllson, Administrative Secretary Lauren Davidson

5 **VOULUNTARY STEWARDSHIP MEMBERS:** Bill Tackman, Les Kinney, Nichole Kuchenbuch,
6 Megan Kernan, Jerry Barnes, Dick Ewing, Maurice Joy

7 **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Bill Eller, Craig Nelson, Amy Martin

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9 **Approval of Agenda:** Director Huston added "outreach reports" to the agenda, Les Kinney
10 moved to approve with the addition, Bill Tackman seconded.

11 **Approval of Minutes:** Nichole Kuchenbuch made a correction that Dan McCarthy was not at
12 the last meeting. Dick Ewing suggested a new structure for minutes with highlighted bulleted
13 points. Dick moved to accept minutes with the above mentioned changes, Nichole seconded.
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15 **Outreach Report:** Director Huston explained to the work group that he was unable to reach
16 Paul Ward with Yakama Tribes, but that Jackie Richter from Colville Confederated Tribe did
17 respond and is interested in helping.

18 **Inventory Review:** Mrs. Hubbard explained the maps that were hung on the wall; wild life
19 habitats, wetland, flood plain, and critical areas. Director Huston explained the goal was to find
20 where the critical areas intersected with the Ag land. Mrs. Hubbard showed the workgroup
21 where the points of intersection were.
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23 There was discussion on wetlands and what qualifies as a wetland; hydrology, plant type, soils
24 type. It was also explained that the wetland data comes from Fish and Wildlife and the Ag info
25 came from the Conservation District. There was discussion on what the map shows as a
26 wetland but that isn't on the federal registry of wetlands. And discussion on if the land owner
27 object to their land being labeled a wetland.

28 **Critical Habitat Areas:** The habitat area maps were broke down to show the habitat for
29 the Western Gray Squirrel, Sharp Tailed Grouse, Lynx, Bald Eagle, and the Common
30 Loon. There was discussion on getting the definition of the habitat for each critical
31 species and the workgroup needed to work on wording of what type of area is critical for
32 each species.

33 **Critical Areas:** There was discussion on steep slopes; they are critical areas because
34 they are potentially geologically hazardous.
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36 Les Kinney asked if we are to include Grizzly Bear and the Gray Wolf habitat, and if we had a
37 good definition of acceptable habitat for the endangered or threatened species.
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39 The workgroup asked for the Ag definition from the Shoreline Master Program

40 It was asked if support activities such as feed stores, packing sheds counted as Ag.
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42 The workgroup asked for project list for all SEPA / JARPA, UCSRB, CAP, NASC projects,
43 watershed plan info, and 303D listings from ecology.
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47 Lauren Davidson
48 Administrative Secretary