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## Okanogan County VSP Meeting Minutes

1 A special meeting of the Okanogan County VSP Workgroup was held on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at  
2 6:30 p.m. in the Natural Resource Conference Room, 123 5th Avenue North, Okanogan,  
3 Washington.

4 **OKANOGAN COUNTY STAFF:** Director of Planning Perry Huston, Natural Resource Planner  
5 Angie Hubbard, Administrative Secretary Rocky King

6 **VOULUNTARY STEWARDSHIP MEMBERS:** William Tackman, Jerry Barnes, Maurice Joy,  
7 Dick Ewing, Les Kinney, Robert Wilson.

8 **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Amy Martin, Craig Nelson, Mindy Widell

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10 **Approve Agenda:** Les motioned, Jerry seconded

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12 **Approve Minutes:** Amy asked that her last name be corrected. Bill motioned, Robert  
13 seconded.

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15 **Check on Commissioner's approval of contract:** Perry told the group that the  
16 commissioners were supportive and they accepted the budget.

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18 **Work Plan Schedule –CD:** Craig presented their plan. Dick asked if benchmarks and goals  
19 would be ready by November, Craig said yes.

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21 **Section 2.1 and 2.2 Introduction for discussion and possibly overview of review**  
22 **process—CD** Les said that line 4 should say “bordered by Ferry County” not “the Columbia  
23 River” and suggested that they key under section 2.1.2 should be bigger so that it can be read.  
24 Page 3 line 1 “winter season’ should reflect the county as a whole. Page 3 line 27 should have  
25 Okanogan PUD listed as a local agency, not a state agency. He believes that forest health  
26 should be listed under major resource concerns. Bill suggested that water quality and quantity  
27 should also be listed under major concerns. The group decided that plant health will need to be  
28 broken out and listed. Jerry said that on page 4 line 12 is hypothetical but line 11 is real and  
29 should include cougars and bears. The group decided that it will say “predatory wildlife” to  
30 better capture everything. Jerry suggested that they add “National Park Services”.  
31 The group discussed whether or not to break the county up by watershed for benchmarks and  
32 goals. The past BOCC wanted the whole county treated the same. There was no final  
33 decision.

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35 **Quorum adjustment question:** The group discussed the various options to keep making  
36 progress with the workplan if there aren't enough members. Robert motioned to maintain the  
37 quorum the same way. It was seconded by Bill. Angie will call and make sure there is a  
38 quorum before each meeting.

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42 **Next Meeting:**  
43 Section 2.3 Critical Areas  
44 Section 3.1 Establishing Baseline Conditions  
45 Section 3.4 Agricultural Viability Baseline Conditions  
46 Benchmarks and Goals  
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49 **Adjourn:** Bill motioned and Jerry seconded.  
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52 Rocky King  
53 Admin Secretary