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# RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS

## OKANOGAN COUNTY

JULY 10, 2018

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9:00 AM Commissioners' Staff Meeting  
10:00 AM Update Human Resources/Risk Management-Debi Hiltz and/or Tanya Craig  
10:30 AM Discussion -Cannabis Operations-Assessor Furman & Staff  
11:00 AM Update - Public Works - Josh Thomson & Ben Rough  
1:30 PM Board of Health-1234 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave S, Okanogan, WA  
3:00 PM Public Hearing-Supplemental Appropriation-District Court, Jail, and Maintenance \$105,400  
3:30 PM Discussion -District Court Probation Remodel Request-Judge Short, Darla Schreckengast  
4:30 PM Approve Consent Agenda  
6:00 PM Public Hearing -Proposed Lake Management District -Oroville City Council Chamber  
1308 Ironwood, Oroville, WA

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The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners' met for its regular session on July 10, 2018, with Chairman Commissioner Jim DeTro, Commissioner Chris Branch, Commissioner Andy Hover, Member; and Laleña Johns, Clerk of the Board, present.

Commissioner Hover was absent due to personal reasons.

8:50 a.m. Member of the public George Thornton taking hand written notes.

**Commissioners' Staff Meeting**

Auditor Laurie Thomas, Elections Mila Jury, Stella Columbia, Joe Poulin, Perry Huston, David Gecas

Auditor Thomas attended this meeting to inform the commissioners' of some new information she learned about the proposed purchase of the new Elections HART system program. She explained the board had given approval to purchase the HART program. While she went through the contract she heard some information from the secretary of state office that the vendor HART is very possibly in the process of selling out which could be good or bad. She has been very happy with the level of service they received over the years. Another concern from SOS is they are looking at going to one system for everyone for tabulation. Ms. Jury stated by 2020 the state will be on one voter registration system. The tabulation system was thought to be put in place across the state in about 10-years. The state may want to implement in 5-years instead of 10-years. The concern is that if the contract is signed that it will affect our ability to change over later as they do not see termination language. Ms. Jury explained some bids were solicited from other vendors. Auditor Thomas will forward the agreement to Mr. Gecas to determine.

47 Auditor Thomas explained she will wait until clear answers are provided on the future of  
48 HART and the state implemented system. She said she feels she is okay for this year  
49 and going into next, but it is something that has to happen one way or another.  
50 Commissioner Branch wished the state was more forthcoming and certain of the  
51 outcome so counties can be prepared for the costs. Ms. Jury stated the state was very  
52 quiet about parts of the system roll-out.

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54 Mr. Poulin discussed extending the water line at the fairgrounds to the south end, but  
55 some additional details will be needed. The south end from restrooms to the south  
56 property line does not have irrigation lines. Hopefully, the maintenance would like to get  
57 it done in the next week or so. Commissioner Branch stated Mark Egerton would be  
58 happy to take a look at the system on Tuesday. A call will be needed to confirm the  
59 time. The idea is to isolate domestic from irrigation systems so that each area is served  
60 with separate domestic and separate irrigation systems.

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62 Mr. Poulin stated a new Maintenance Tech was hired last week and started yesterday.  
63 A second Maintenance Tech was hired and he starts in two weeks. The new tractor for  
64 fairgrounds will arrive on Thursday. He discussed ways to water the race track without  
65 having to drive the water truck on the track as it does compact the ground.

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67 Stella Columbia explained she walked through the grounds last night with the FAC. She  
68 asked who fixes the overhead spray system. She will discuss the maintenance items  
69 later with Mr. Poulin and determine who is responsible for repairs FAC or fairgrounds.

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71 David Gecas updated the board on a letter he drafted to OCCAC. The commissioners'  
72 felt it was a good letter to send regarding the county's request for investigation.

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74 Brewster, Riverside, Pateros, and Twisp agreements were discussed. Mr. Gecas  
75 explained who signed and who still needs to. The original plan was to revise all the  
76 agreements to annual agreements with consistent termination dates of December 31.

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78 Mr. Gecas explained some concerns that Judge Culp relayed to him about courthouse  
79 security and one point entry. Mr. Gecas is worried about the bigger plans of someone  
80 involved who prefers to create a whole other entrance to accommodate the single point  
81 entrance.

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83 Mr. Gecas discussed the security group proposal and sample agreements which he had  
84 some concerns about. He is waiting to hear back from the group. Mr. Poulin explained  
85 his thoughts to place a ramp at the east & westside entrances to accommodate  
86 wheelchairs, there would still be two main entrances to secure. Director Huston  
87 suggested the security committee be involved with the ideas as they will make the  
88 recommendation to the commissioners'. Commissioner DeTro thought he heard that  
89 most agree that a single point entry would be best. Commissioner Branch asked what  
90 the result of the Marshall's visit was. There is not a policy on how to keep safe, either  
91 the employees or the public, explained Director Huston. Mr. Gecas explained the AG

92 agreed that screening people coming into the courthouse would be effective. Director  
93 Huston explained there are two main issues and both require different solutions.

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95 Treasurer McCormack and Pam Johnson arrived early to join HR/Risk management  
96 discussion. Treasurer McCormack explained it isn't just the courts staff that need to be  
97 secure it is every dept. She explained her experience with hostile people coming into  
98 her office when leaving the courts. She will sometimes secure her door so no one can  
99 come in.

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101 Director Huston explained the Similkameen trail work issues and the PUD requested it  
102 be closed to the public. He asked does the board believe public access should be  
103 closed. He explained what the county owns, what BLM owns. Commissioner Branch  
104 explained the conveyance history of the land and what bothers him about the access  
105 piece and why that was sold. Was it they decided they didn't need a portion of the  
106 property or was it the money? Don Jacobson was involved in the purchase and sale.

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108 **Update Human Resources/Risk Management-Debi Hilts and/or Tanya Craig**

109 Treasurer McCormack, Pam Johnson

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111 Ms. Craig stated she invited the Treasurer to discuss a staffing request. She handed out  
112 a job description for an Accounting Clerk III for a Foreclosure Deputy. Her request  
113 would be to bring on a person Aug 1<sup>st</sup> or Sept 1<sup>st</sup> to work with the foreclosure deputy  
114 before she leaves to learn the responsibilities. There is a lot of details to learn. This year  
115 64 parcels will be processed and is the lowest amount she has seen in 30 years. If hired  
116 to start on September 1<sup>st</sup> it would cost \$16,607 and if hired on August 1<sup>st</sup> it would cost  
117 \$6,000 more than that. She does not have the extra in her budget. This year only the  
118 split is out of current expense rather than the O&M fund. Commissioner DeTro would  
119 like to wait until Commissioner Hover returns before making the decision.  
120 Commissioners' do agree with the situation. Treasurer McCormack will discuss the  
121 matter with Commissioner Hover on Friday. Ms. Craig explained this position is a key  
122 position and the county has allowed this for those types of positions.

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124 Ms. McCormack explained some changes with title reports and title companies. Liability  
125 is going up and will be reflected in the bids.

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127 Ms. Craig explained she did not have any additional information. The elected official can  
128 decide whether a new hire may use sick leave to take care of an emergency other than  
129 being sick.

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131 **Discussion –Cannabis Operations-Assessor Furman & Staff**

132 Lynn Featherly, Larry Gilman,

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134 Assessor Furman explained his concerns with the Cannabis operations producer  
135 processors. They do not list their personal property. The current list is for 2019 taxes  
136 and 73 the state notify the assessor and only 32 have listed their personal property.  
137 Less than half. Many permits are owned by someone else and nothing to lien. Tier

138 estimates are used to value the properties that reflect the different quality. He spoke to  
139 senator short WSLCB are working on it. In WAC, objections to license renewals part b  
140 69.50.351 and must submit a letter to WSLCB of the objection. He would like to do this  
141 and send it off to WSLCB and at least we are on the record. The state does not appear  
142 to be recognizing other counties letters regarding this issue. The state employee covers  
143 11 counties and is spread too thin to address all the issues with permittees.  
144 Commissioner Branch would like to see the information Assessor Furman has on who  
145 has claimed their personal property or not.

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147 Assessor Furman stated there are a lot of changes in location among the producers and  
148 processors. Many were contacted to try and get them to comply. Commissioner Branch  
149 asked that he let the board know when these concerns come up. Mr. Gilman said the  
150 assessor's office has not been a regulatory or enforcement office as that has allowed  
151 them to do their work without risk.

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153 Ms. Featherly explained the information the state provides is lacking. It is a puzzle when  
154 a particular operation is licensed is received as to where they are located, who listed on  
155 the notice is the person to contact about the personal property taxes, and many  
156 property owners do not live here and are often different from those who lease the  
157 property and who is actually owner of the personal property. It makes it difficult to know  
158 who to contact.

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#### 160 **Update – Public Works – Josh Thomson & Ben Rough**

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162 Engineer Thomson provided his agenda and discussed the items listed there.

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#### 164 *Maintenance & Road Conditions*

165 Engineer Thomson explained Public Works is focusing on chip seal.

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167 *Sinlahekin Rd Washout Repair*

168 The repairs were completed temporarily, but the permanent repairs will be around  
169 \$100,000. There is a sediment issue they would like to be able clean out the culvert due  
170 to the topography. There is a company building something like that, which will be looked  
171 into for a solution.

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#### 173 *Similkameen Trail Repair*

174 Director Huston

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176 The commissioners' are inclined to open the trail. Director Huston will contact Dan  
177 Boetger with PUD. He said one thing to discuss with him is what the county envisions  
178 for future management of the trail. The county is the applicant for all the pass through  
179 dollars it received for the trail originally. A map will be generated to show the easements  
180 and ownership. Commissioner Branch would like to see about connecting to the PNWT  
181 as he knows of people inquiring about the connections to Nighthawk. It is a real asset to  
182 the county.

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184 *Peter Dan Rd Slide Repairs*

185 Contractor starts next Monday July 26 and will go through August 24. He has been  
186 contacting the neighbors up there via email to inform them of the progress. He sent  
187 them the construction schedule. Traffic control and signs will be utilized to inform  
188 anyone using the road. Also there is information at the agency. The detour will likely be  
189 the same as before. He will also get a press release out.

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191 *Buffalo Lake Rd CCT project*

192 Engineer Thomson explained the CCT has a project to pave a portion of the Buffalo  
193 Lake road. It doesn't appear this project will start until after the Peter Dan project is  
194 complete. There may be a future need for an ordinance to set the pave portion speed  
195 limit.

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197 *6- Year Transportation Improvement Plan*

198 Engineer Thomson went over the draft plan. (attached) Some projects were added this  
199 year such as a county wide pavement project, in case there is funding for that. Also  
200 added was the trail, but was not on the list. Another draft will be provided with it  
201 included. RAP funded projects were added. Commissioner Branch would like to see  
202 application for some funding to take care of the drainage issues near Oroville.

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204 Commissioners' were requested to submit to him additional projects to add to the plan.  
205 Commissioner DeTro would like to add Hubbard Road to our system once it has been  
206 brought up to the standard. Right now the road is a private road. Reciprocity.

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208 *WATV Routes, draft map*

209 The draft map was discussed. Paradise Hill, and Rat Lake Road were taken off. Does  
210 the board also wish to remove Malott and Malott Eastside roads as they do not connect  
211 to anything and they are on reservation? Commissioners' said yes take them off.  
212 Engineer Thomson also recommended other roads on the reservation that were going  
213 to be discussed with the tribe. Commissioner DeTro spoke to someone about opening  
214 up Rodeo Trail Drive from Okanogan to Omak and connects to the Casino via  
215 Fairgrounds Access Road. The tribal council will need to be in agreement. Speed limit  
216 on Rodeo Trail drive may be requested to be lowered due to the different businesses  
217 locating there. Commissioner Branch did not have a problem with reducing to 35 mph,  
218 but suggested Commissioner Hover be consulted too as it was thought he spoke to  
219 CCT council member.

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221 *CCT Access at Brewster Shop*

222 Engineer Thomson stated a revocable easement agreement has been drafted to allow  
223 the access. DOT had requested improvement to the access road to the fishery and  
224 access is on county road near the Brewster Shop. Mr. Gecas will review before the  
225 commissioners' are requested to sign.

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227 *Conconully Sewer*

228 There are even more problems being found this year than what was found last year.  
229 The system is becoming more difficult to maintain. The consultant may recommend

230 options that are costly. Rate payers will be notified once the consultant report is  
231 completed. The pumps go out regularly, the floats do not operate properly, hydrosulfide  
232 is eating the electrical wires to the point they crumble. Commissioner Branch made  
233 some suggestions through the IACC board. He suggested presentation be created and  
234 provided to them as they arrange for others to look at the project for funding.

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236 Ben Rough provided his agenda and discussed the items listed there.

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#### 238 *Recruitments*

239 No changes. Interviewing for the open positions early next week.

240 Transfer station position is still open.

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#### 242 *Cash Flow*

243 Mr. Rough explained the point a pay system training is scheduled tomorrow. It will take  
244 about a week after that to push the system out to the public. Auditing all transfer  
245 stations, ER&R cash, the finance section has made many changes with new hires and  
246 between the auditor's office and Public works office and seems to be working out. Policy  
247 implementations have gone well. It was thought to be pretty efficient as it is.

248 There are about 90 public works employees with some being temporary, so the number  
249 fluctuates from 75 to 90.

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#### 251 *Apple Maggot Quarantine Area Update*

252 Mr. Rough explained he drafted a comment letter that would be submitted/presented on  
253 July 19. He asked the board for their feedback prior to the date. Mr. Rough will add the  
254 request of Commissioner Hover and resent to the board.

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256 The green waste issue has generated a lot of ideas. Hauling the green waste to the  
257 west side as it is within the quarantined area was one idea, but it might actually be an  
258 option depending on cost to haul. A contract would be needed if someone else hauls it.  
259 Another truck might be needed if the county hauls it. The county cost is \$45 per hour. It  
260 may cost us \$1000 per week, but beats the cost of building a facility to sterilize the  
261 materials.

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#### 263 *Solid Waste Management Plan Status*

264 Final draft was received from Para Metrix. He has not had a chance to study it. He will  
265 ensure it says what it needs to, coordinate with Dept. of Ag, then send to cities for their  
266 review and input, then to ecology if changes were recommended, then to  
267 commissioners' for signature.

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#### 269 *Solid Waste Disposal Fees*

270 July 24 meeting to go over the solid waste fees.

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#### 272 *Taber Land Purchase*

273 Mr. Rough will meet onsite with Kent to go over the issues that go through the Taber  
274 property.

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276 *Landfill Scale Installation Schedule*

277 The scale replacement process will be different because the concrete will need to be  
278 redone before the new scale can be placed. It will take about a week. A public service  
279 announcement will be posted and sent to media as there will be delays. Temporary  
280 scales will be used while the replacement scale is installed.

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282 Mr. Rough explained Kent and crew discussed what they can do to get more  
283 evaporation out of the leachate pond. He described the idea that would trickle down  
284 onto a mat that is heated by the sun to 150 degrees evaporating much of the liquid  
285 before it reaches the pond. It does appear to be working but it will take some time.

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287 **Board of Health-1234 2nd Ave S, Okanogan, WA**  
288 Commissioners' attended the Board of Health meeting at the Public Health/Public  
289 Works building.

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291 **Public Hearing-Supplemental Appropriation-District Court, Jail, and Maintenance**  
292 Commissioner DeTro opened up the hearing to the public, seeing no one wished to  
293 comment he closed public comment and opened up to staff. The Clerk of the Board  
294 stated the resolution was drafted and ready for signature. Commissioner DeTro closed  
295 staff.

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297 **Motion Resolution 71-2018 Supplemental Appropriation Various**  
298 Commissioner Branch moved to approve resolution 71-2018 a supplemental  
299 appropriation within current expense Jail, Maintenance, and District Court budgets in  
300 the total amount of \$105,400. Motion was seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

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302 **Motion Resolution 72-2018 Elected Official Salaries**  
303 Commissioner Branch moved to approve resolution 72-2018 regarding elected official  
304 salaries for 2019 through 2020. Commissioner Branch noted that the salaries did not  
305 change. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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307 **Motion - Voucher Approval - Commissioners'**  
308 Vouchers certified and audited by the Auditing Officer as required by RCW 42.24.080  
309 and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090 have  
310 been recorded on a list, and made available to the Board. As of this date, the Board did  
311 vote, by unanimous vote, to approve the regular vouchers in the amount of \$756,908.59  
312 and Payroll vouchers in the amount of \$1,047,871.31. Warrant numbers as cited on the  
313 attached blanket voucher list. Motion seconded and carried.

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315 **Motion Public Health Voucher**  
316 Commissioner Branch moved to approve the Public Health Vouchers in the amount of  
317 \$47,833.79. Warrant numbers as cited on the attached blanket voucher list. Motion was  
318 seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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320 **Discussion –District Court Probation Remodel Request-Judge Short, Darla**  
321 **Schreckengast, Joe Poulin**

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323 Ms. Schreckengast explained a need to install a glass window and counter top in the old  
324 WSU office which will now be used for Probation. The access window will be a long  
325 term benefit to the courthouse should Probation vacate the office. The quote for the  
326 work was \$3,783.50 including labor to install. Ms. Schreckengast was hoping the board  
327 would approve the cost.

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329 Ms. Schreckengast also submitted a quote for a roll down shade to cover the security  
330 window. That quote was around \$800 if county maintenance installs it. Commissioner  
331 Branch asked if the department had budget for the expense. Ms. Schreckengast said  
332 no. Commissioner DeTro asked that she work with Cari Hall to find a revenue source to  
333 pay for the window and counter. The commissioners' would consider a budget  
334 adjustment for the costs. Commissioner DeTro asked if three quotes were obtained for  
335 consideration today. Ms. Schreckengast said no she only obtained the one quote for  
336 both. Commissioners' require three telephone quotations from which they choose the  
337 best and lowest quote to go with. The commissioners' requested she obtain two more  
338 quotes, she can email those to the Clerk of the Board who will present to the board for  
339 decision. Ms. Schreckengast will obtain the quotes and work with Cari Hall on the  
340 budget for the expense. Judge Short and Ms. Schreckengast thanked the board for their  
341 consideration.

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343 **Approve Consent Agenda**  
344 Commissioner Branch moved to approve the consent agenda items 1-2, as presented.  
345 Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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347 1. Commissioners' Proceedings July 2 & 3, 2018  
348 2. Approve Reimbursable Work Request – Chip Seal Project – City of Omak – Public Works  
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350 **Public Hearing –Proposed Lake Management District –Oroville City Council**  
351 **Chamber 1308 Ironwood, Oroville, WA**

352 The sign in sheet was circulated and the audio recorder turned on.

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354 Commissioner DeTro opened the hearing up stating the hearing is on the ballot  
355 proposal. He stated the rules for the hearing giving commenters three minutes. He  
356 asked everyone to sign in. Director Huston explained this is the third public hearing for  
357 this purpose. The boundaries had changed. The map was projected and that area  
358 cannot be developed. All Veranda Beach was removed. He explained what was  
359 removed from the boundaries. Based on a phone call about a concern there were three  
360 parcel owners on the map that did not cross over to the list and did not notice, yet the  
361 20 parcels have changed ownership. The original owner was sent the notice. In some  
362 cases they are absentee land owners. The law is silent on that. We will need to discuss  
363 whether it is a flaw and should remove from list.

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365 The last discussion this map goes clear to the border as there was some concern about  
366 the buffer area. All properties to the border were included. The management plan has  
367 not been drafted for the five year period of time. The budget was established based  
368 upon the noxious weed board could effectively use in any given year. The collections  
369 would be around \$250,000.

370 The commissioners' directed Director Huston to attend the Veranda Beach HOA  
371 meeting and said money was already spent for this, also they could vote it down if they  
372 were included. Another issue assessor raised about whether or not the August deadline  
373 is applicable as for the type of situation this is.

374 Commissioner Branch asked about the parcels listed, what does that do if they decided  
375 to consolidate their parcels. Director Huston provided when more lots are created then  
376 more assessed. If parcels are consolidate it would reduce the assessment. We have not  
377 discussed the multiple parcel owners and whether to assess the extra parcels when  
378 consolidated.

379 The SEPA official determined this is exempt under WAC.

380 Commissioner DeTro closed to staff and opened to public testimony. The sign in sheet  
381 was circulated.

382 Commissioner DeTro called on commenters.

383 Mr. Chapman explained he is chair of the association and started the process. They are  
384 looking for a way to save the lake in many ways water improvement, water quality and  
385 improve the lake. They were looking for a way to address this in the long term.

386 Al Kelly stated he has property near the border, so will he get treated and the answer is  
387 yes. Mr. Kelly said supports this. Is there something the associations can do about the  
388 Canadians sending their weeds down the lake and who is reasonable for cost? He  
389 would really like to see that bay treated.

390 President Champerty Shores Debbie. She has attended all the hearings. There is 28  
391 lots only one is treated and everything north is too close to Canada on the south side  
392 they have Ag properties and won't get treated. They don't like being targeted as high  
393 end neighborhood. But don't want to be a high value target but they do support this. She  
394 isn't sure where the benefits are everywhere. She isn't sure why all 28 lots are included  
395 when only a couple lots would get treated.

396 Bill Barker commented that he owns a large patch of milfoil dealing with it over the last  
397 20 years. You cannot treat it chemically and it doesn't work it comes back and rhizomes  
398 spread around. He is too close to irrigation to use 24D crystals which is the only thing

399 that works. The hogy pogy treatments do not work and he wants an exemption and if  
400 the Canadians are not included he wants to be exempt.

401 Robert Maltais lives on south end of lake near veranda beach. The milfoil machine  
402 tubers feels funny on the feet. A real challenge and was sorry to hear veranda beach  
403 was not included. They use 20-30 boats in the lake and are part of the spreading of the  
404 weed. They should be responsible because they create the mess. It is lousy they are  
405 not paying for it. The machine harvests about 20% but it should be stopped. When the  
406 lake becomes full of milfoil people will stop coming to the lake. Can he do it on his own if  
407 Veranda Beach is allowed to do it on their own if this fails?

408 Dick Sasse stated he owns a house on the lake since 1990 and noticed an increase in  
409 the volume of milfoil well after that. He submitted photos which he requested the board  
410 look at. He also submitted his testimony. He strongly recommended the contractor is  
411 encouraged to start close to shore. He appreciated the effort those involved have  
412 brought forward.

413 Salley Bull explained the first meeting she was not for chemical treatments. But after  
414 speaking with Anna Lyon she changed her mind. But taking Veranda Beach out is not  
415 the answer. Some others not as capable of paying the assessment were left in and  
416 Veranda Beach out.

417 Harold Arthur asked about starting by the shore and how far out do they start because  
418 boundary bay is out there.

419 Ford Waterstrat Lake Association commented that milfoil spreads due to the harvest  
420 machine which fragments the milfoil even more. They observed the fragment lay down  
421 roots and that is how it spreads around the lake. An effective program would include the  
422 whole lake. Their hope is to treat more area and get to a maintenance phase. Research  
423 suggested that. Turtle bay in the buffer zone they are trying to get that changed. MOU  
424 from Canada on what conditions they had to follow in order to use chemicals. In 2011,  
425 the Canadians got upset when aquatic herbicides cannot be used in Canada and said  
426 the waters would be polluted. DOE had told them they would not treat in the buffer  
427 zone. They are polluting our waters by using the harvester. It is more like mowing grass  
428 it comes back. Until that is changed the plan is to use barriers in the buffer zone. It  
429 stops the growth in those areas of the milfoil. They will try and work it out to be able to  
430 do that. Treatments closer to shore should happen. Treating with chemicals on the lake  
431 is not allowed you must be certified applicator. Veranda Beach has been part of the  
432 emphasis to take care of the milfoil and have spent around \$40,000 treating it. He isn't  
433 sure it is quantifiable to determine the benefit of excluding. The Canadians come down  
434 to the flat water.

435 By having a whole lake system where the bad spots can be focused on the first year  
436 they would have a survey done to determine the amount of milfoil in the lake. It was  
437 determined around 92 acres on our side but since then it has gotten thicker and more  
438 dense. It is spreading and not getting any better. He further discussed when treatment  
439 would occur right before and right after the pumps are turned off. Pond weeds are also  
440 a problem and it can be treated earlier than the milfoil. A rotovator was used on a  
441 portion of the lake caused many lake property owners problems.

442 Commissioner Branch said milfoil has been in the lake for a very long time 1980's.  
443 Commissioner DeTro stated he saw milfoil in another lake not far away. Commissioner  
444 Branch asked about use of 24D products. Mr. Waterstrat said they would not use that  
445 as it is not allowed.

446 Commissioner DeTro explained conversations he has had. Some utilize divers and they  
447 pull the weed by hand. It is a process and he thinks this is a real good start and placing  
448 it on the ballot. Weevils at 200-300 per acre works, but it is not practical to do it  
449 ourselves because they cannot transport the weevils across borders as they need milfoil  
450 to survive the trip and that cannot be transported.

451 Commissioner Branch asked about other invasive species such as the mussels. Mr.  
452 Waterstrat explained some other options that can be considered to improve water  
453 quality. Commissioner Branch stated this isn't just about milfoil, it is much more.

454 Commissioner DeTro opened up for commissioner discussion. Commissioner Branch  
455 stated it does help that veranda beach has their own treatment program. He would like  
456 to resolve the issues Champerty Shores explained. He explained a frustrating issue  
457 when the mosquito district proposal was being considered. He would like Commissioner  
458 Hover to be part of the discussion before making the vote and he isn't here today.  
459 Commissioner DeTro agreed. He supports the effort as it is a big problem. Something  
460 needs to get started and this is first step. Communicating with the Canadians on this  
461 issue should happen. Commissioner Branch recalled the past issues with the use of  
462 24D to treat milfoil and it really concerns him because it contains Agent Orange. He  
463 discussed the rotovator and the fragmentation and that should certainly be discussed  
464 with Canada as it is polluting our side of the lake. He has some contact names if anyone  
465 wishes to contact tm about this.

466 Director Huston discussed the next step. The next step is to fix the boundaries of the  
467 district the board may remove parcels if they are not benefited, but no parcels may be  
468 added. He discussed the ballot process and decision of the board to provide a timeline.  
469 Commissioner DeTro asked about the notification problem. Director Huston thought  
470 they could be removed, but would consult with David Gecas to see if any case law  
471 addresses this. The commissioners' discussed continuation of the hearing.

472 **Motion Public Hearing Continued July 16**

473 Commissioner Branch moved to continue the public hearing to July 16 at 1:30 leaving  
474 written comment open but closing verbal testimony. Motion was seconded, all were in  
475 favor, motion carried.

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477 The board adjourned at 7:00 pm.

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