

WILDLAND FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

August 22, 2019
Cle Elum Ranger Station
Tom Craven Room
803 W 2nd St
Cle Elum WA 98922

Committee Members Present:

Gary Berndt – Wildland Fire Liaison, Chair
Randy Johnson – Fire Chief (Eastside) *Conference Call*
Reese Lolley – Statewide Environmental Representative
Russ Pfeiffer-Hoyt – State Land Trust Beneficiary *Conference Call*
Lee Hemmer – Industry Landowner (Range)
Tony Craven – Small Forest Landowner
Joe Gardner – County Commissioner (Westside) *Conference Call*
Dave LaFave – Fire Chief (Westside) *Conference Call*
J.D Marshall – Industry Landowner (Timber) *Conference Call*
Dave Johnson – Fire District Commissioner (Eastside) *Conference Call*
Eric Walker – US Forest Service
Bill Slosson - Assistant Fire Marshal

Committee Members Absent:

Chuck LeBlanc – State Fire Marshal
Cody Desautel – Tribal Nations Representative
Jim DeTro – County Commissioner (Eastside)

Guests/Other Attendees:

Jim Passage - Public attendee
Shelly Goodwin - Wildland Fire Advisory Committee Coordinator

I. Opening, Roll Call

The meeting of the Wildland Fire Advisory Committee was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on August 22 in Cle Elum, WA. Roll was taken, 6 members were present and 3 members were excused. Due to travel constraints, 6 members participated in the meeting by phone, constituting a quorum.

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the July 18, 2018 council meeting were presented in draft and reviewed. Motion to approve draft minutes was made by Committee member Tony Craven, seconded by Committee member Dave Lafave. Motion carried with Aye's.

III. Chairman Report

Chairman Berndt, provided a verbal chair report. Assessing Wildlands in district makes it very difficult to rent equipment. County Assessor tries to not double assess. Each county assesses differently. *Discussion*

IV. DNR/WSP Update

a. Bill Slosson from the State Fire Marshal's office reported one fire 1,000 acres, aircraft only. MOB is slow. Team 10 in Alaska outside Anchorage.

V. Annie Schmidt – Explained that we will operate on a consensus basis while reviewing the recommendations for approval. There was not many issues with the recommendations short of rewording or taking words out. The one that there was issues with was authorizing, via legislation, Rangeland Fire Protection Associations (RFPA's). There was a vote taken on this recommendation and the final count was 5 YES and 6 NO.
There was also a short mention of LEP and the plan that DNR is responsible for implementing.

VI. Final Q&A – Committee roundtable

Jim Passage noted that the committee has made a solid foundation for future public action.

VII. Adjournment and Next Meeting

Next meeting will be September 26, 2019 at the
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The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 1:25 p.m.

Draft minutes submitted by Shelly Goodwin, approved by Chairman Gary Berndt.
Formal action to be taken to approve the minutes at the September 26, 2019 meeting.