



BOARD of CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES for the week of July 8-12, 2024

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WORK SESSION – 9 a.m.

The work session convened at 9 a.m., Monday, July 8, 2024. Present were Commissioners French, Ozias and Johnson and Administrator Mielke.

Items of discussion per the agenda published July 3 were:

- Calendar/Correspondence
- Marine Resources Committee request to remove a board member due to nonparticipation
- Agreement with Department of Commerce for Coordinating Low-income Housing Planning Grant
- Agreement with Department of Commerce for Victim Witness Assistance Grant
- Agreement amendment 2 with Washington State University
- Resolution establishing a position in support of proposition 1 Olympic Medical Center Public Hospital District No. 2 Levy Lid Lift for Health Care Services
- Contract amendment 5 with Department of Corrections for costs to hold offenders
- Approval of recommendation of consultant for the Wildfire Protection Plan call for request for proposals
- Discussion regarding the Emergency Operation Center

Meeting concluded at 10:16 a.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chair French called the meeting to order at 10 a.m., Tuesday, July 9, 2024. Also present were Commissioners Ozias and Johnson and Administrator Mielke.

REQUEST FOR MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to adopt the agenda as modified, CMOs, mc

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, commented on item 1b

CONSENT AGENDA

1a Approval of minutes for the week of July 1

1b Letter of support for Upper Cowan Ranch Hoko River Restoration Project

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to adopt the consent agenda, CMOs, mc

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- CMO commented on Sequim Emergency Management Operational Meeting, Washington State Association of Counties, indigent defense lawsuit
- CRJ commented on North Olympic Legislative Alliance, Recompete, building codes, housing,
- CMF commented on Chamber of Commerce celebration, Economic Development Council Recompete study, Trails Advisory Committee Meeting, Puget Sound to Pacific Collaborative

CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

2a Agreement with Amanda K. Sanders for the client services contact for Community Prevention and Wellness Initiative Prevention Services CPWI

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMOs, mc

2b Agreement with Clear Creek Psychological Associates for professional services related to youth

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMOs, mc

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2c Agreement amendment 2 with Washington State University

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMOs, mc

BIDS AND AWARDS

3a Bid opening – Sekiu Main Sewer Replacement Phase I

CONTRACTOR

Amount

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\$1,117,623.78

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to forward the bid to Public Works for review and recommendation to the BOCC, CMOs, mc

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mike Doherty, Port Angeles, commented on Climate Change, wildfire
- John Worthington, Sequim, commented on ICLEI, manufacturing
- Dave Erblan, Cultural Access Initiative, tourism, financial support
- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, commented on Wildfire Protection Plan, Johnson Creek culvert, Noxious Weed Assessment, virtual system

HEARING(S)

H1 Amending Clallam County Code Chapter 5.100 Consolidated Fee Schedule – Sheriff's Department Civil Processes Fee Schedule 400-A

- ATM, provided a staff report

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to open the public hearing, CMOs, mc

- CMF noted no one provided testimony

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to close the public hearing and adopt, CMOs, mc

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Jim Stoffer, Sequim, commented on Old School House Dungeness parking lot,
- Jeff Tozzer, Sequim, commented on evening meetings, Towne Road website,

Meeting concluded at 10:38 a.m. and continued to 9 a.m., Monday, July 15.

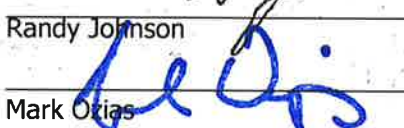
The Board of Commissioners attended WSAC Virtual Update, Coffee with Colleen, Port Angeles Rotary Meeting, KONP Radio Show and KSQM Radio Show during the week of July 8.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of July 2024.

BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Mike French, Chair


Randy Johnson


Mark O'Neil

ATTEST:


Loni Gores, MMC, Clerk of the Board



BOCC Mail Correspondences Received from other Jurisdictions



**DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES**

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PUBLIC LANDS OFFICE**
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June 11, 2024

Nathan West
City Manager
City of Port Angeles
321 E. 5th St.
Port Angeles, WA 98362

Dear Mr. West,

Thank you for submitting your application last year to receive lands managed by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources through the Trust Land Transfer program.

Our staff at DNR has evaluated your application and found it to not be in the best interests of the trusts to transfer the parcels out of trust ownership. In addition, Clallam County and its Revenue Advisory Committee stakeholders raised concerns about the proposal, with the advisory committee unanimously asking that the application be denied on the basis that the application does not meet the parameters of the TLT program.

As such, your application has been declined and will not move forward for the 2025-27 biennium.

These parcels have generated significant revenue for trust beneficiaries and are poised to continue doing so going forward, and, per RCW 79.17.300, does not meet the Legislature's requirement that lands included in the Trust Land Transfer process be nonperforming or underperforming economically.

These parcels continue to produce regular revenue for the Common School Trust, Clallam County, and junior taxing districts in Clallam County, while also protecting and growing habitat for the Marbled Murrelet, Northern Spotted Owl and multiple fish species under DNR's State Uplands Habitat Conservation Plan. Future timber sales remain planned inside the boundaries of the proposed Trust Land Transfer indicate an ongoing potential for these lands to generate revenue for both present and future generations.

Nathan West
June 11, 2024
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In the future, other tools may be more applicable to achieve your goals, such as exploring siting for an off-channel reservoir on DNR-managed lands similar to the City of Sequim's project, where DNR is transferring 400 acres to the county for that facility.

DNR remains committed to working with the City to discuss your concerns about management of the Elwha River as we recommended in our October 12, 2022 letter to you regarding the Aldwell Timber Sale as well as Mona Griswold's April 14, 2023 letter regarding the TCB 23 and Power Plant timber sales. Reaching out directly to our new Olympic Region Manager, Bill Wells, will be the most productive way to foster that cooperation. Bill and his staff are charged with the management of these lands and have the best local knowledge and scientific expertise at their disposal.

I am still personally committed to attending a City Council meeting, and some members of the Board of Natural Resources have also said they will attempt to attend a meeting if their individual schedules will allow. Although my assistant reached out to your staff shortly after your October 23, 2023 letter to Commissioner Franz, we have not yet heard back.

Sincerely,

Todd Welker

Todd Welker

Deputy Supervisor for State Uplands

c: Kenny Ocker, TLT Program Manager



United States Department of the Interior

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IN REPLY REFER TO:
Division of Realty

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NOTICE OF RESERVATION PROCLAMATION REQUEST 30-Day Notification Period

Applicant:

Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe

Legal Land Descriptions/Site Locations:

125-T 4877

The legal description of the property is as follows:

The East half of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 34, Township 31 North, Range 7 West, Willamette Meridian, Clallam County, Washington, Situate in Clallam County, State of Washington. Containing 21.4 acres, more or less.

125-T 4878

The legal description of the property is as follows:

Government Lot 2 (also known as the Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter) in Section 4, Township 29 North, Range 6 West, Willamette Meridian, Situate in Clallam County, State of Washington. Containing 39.96 acres, more or less.

Project Descriptions/Proposed Land Uses:

The United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Northwest Regional Office has under consideration a request by the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe that the lands described above be proclaimed "reservation" pursuant to Section 7 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984; codified at 25 U.S.C. 5110), which provides that the Secretary of the Interior may proclaim an Indian reservation or add lands to existing reservations. The Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs reviews all requests for adding land to a reservation and prepares the proclamation and the *Federal Register* notice. A Proclamation is simply an administrative function that allows the Tribe to take advantage of special federal assistance programs.

Current and Proposed Use of Property:

Conservation and open space.

This letter provides official notice of the proposed action. If you have any questions, please contact Theresa Williamson, Northwest Regional Realty Specialist, at (360)-614-5885 or theresa.williamson@bia.gov.

Sincerely,

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FREDENBERG

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Bryan Mercier
Northwest Regional Director

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BY CERTIFIED MAIL/RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Administrator Todd Mielke
Clallam County Board of Commissioners
223 East 4th Street, Suite 4
Port Angeles, Washington 98362

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Mayor Kate Dexter
Port Angeles City Council
321 East 5th Street
Port Angeles, WA 98362

Dear Ms. Dexter and Mr. Mielke:

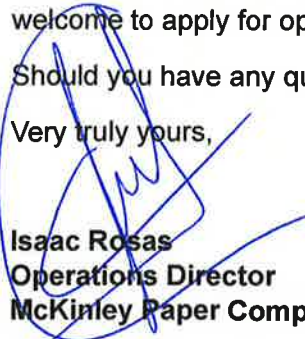
This letter will serve as official notice under the federal Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification ("WARN") Act that an indefinite mass layoff affecting approximately 190 employees will occur beginning on August 25, 2024, at the McKinley Paper Company ("McKinley") facility located at 1815 Marine Dr, in Port Angeles, Washington. Based on the information available to us at this time, we hope that the facility will resume operations at some point in the future but cannot say when.

We expect that August 24, 2024, which is the end of the 60-day WARN notice period, will be the last day of work for a majority of the affected employees before the indefinite layoff. Any employees released from employment before the 60 days expire will receive their normal pay and benefits for the remainder of the 60-day period, unless they are terminated for cause or as otherwise allowed by applicable law. Employees who are assigned work, but choose to terminate before the end of the 60-day period, will not be entitled to pay and benefits after their date of termination. McKinley will have limited jobs that extend beyond the 60-day period in order to maintain the facility in a safe manner.

A list of the affected job titles and the number of employees in each job classification is provided on the attachment to this letter. The affected employees include members of a collective bargaining unit. There are no bumping rights or transfer rights to other locations. However, employees are welcome to apply for open positions at our other locations.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

A blue ink signature of Isaac Rosas, consisting of a stylized 'I' and 'R' followed by a flourish.
Isaac Rosas
Operations Director
McKinley Paper Company