

Tacoma Power Meeting

July 10, 2018

3:30 p.m.

Present: Commissioner Fund, Commissioner Jackson, Commissioner Stamper, Erik Martin, Laura Berg, Steve Mansfield, Dianne Dorey, Ross Petersen, Becky Butler, Steve Walton

Recorder: Rieva Lester and Candy Hallom

Rieva Lester said Mossyrock indicated it receives \$9,000 monthly. She said she has not yet heard back from Morton and White Pass.

Ross Petersen discussed inequalities between Tacoma Power ratepayers' base rates versus those paid by local PUD ratepayers, who pay considerably more.

Dianne Dorey said taxpayers throughout the county pay extra to cover what Tacoma Power does not pay in taxes. She said the area also is hurt by the unfilled promises related to projects that would draw to the area, in addition to lost revenue linked to timber harvests.

Dianne said it also appears that outside projects are mitigated using lands in Lewis County. She said the lake totals 11,000 acres but that Tacoma Power has exempt property totaling 25,000 acres.

Dianne suggested hiring a timber cruiser to determine the value of the timber on the tax exempt properties.

Ross suggested reaching out to the tribes.

Rieva left at 3:54 p.m. and Candy Hallom took over as recorder.

Ross stated we have never reached out to Tacoma Power.

Ross stated we need to come up with a plan and seed money to get us started.

Dianne stated this is the 3rd study she has been involved in.

Erik asked if Lewis County starts renegotiate the CPI or does Tacoma power. Ross answered saying that either can start negotiations.

Steve Mansfield is looking for some commitments that Tacoma Power has followed through with.

TO-DO LIST / RECAP

Dianne Dorey: Determine how much acreage Tacoma Power had prior to the 2001 agreement.

Ross Petersen or Commissioner Fund: Reach out to timber cruisers, including possibly Rep. Ed Orcutt.

Ross: Work with Rodney Reynolds on the CPIs, including the 12 percent per annum interest.

Erik: Reviewing FERC responsibilities

Gary: will talk with the Fire Districts

Steve stated the drainage alert for those below the damn was never kept up.

Ross and Laura will work together.

Dianne recommended working with the Fire District and the State as well.

Ross will get together with Dianne, Erik, and Laura Berg and compile the information. The plan is to have the information put together by the end of the month.