



RESOLUTION 70, 2015

ESTABLISHING AN AD HOC TRUST LANDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THE BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS finds as follows:

1. The Washington State Department of Natural Resources manages some 90,000+ acres in trust for the benefit of Clallam County and the special purpose districts within the County.
2. Individuals reportedly testified before the Charter Review Commission about whether the management of these lands was such that the lands provided significant financial contributions to the County and special purpose districts.
3. The Charter Review Commission recommended that the Board of Commissioners establish a "Trust Lands Advisory Committee" to assess the management of those state forest board lands, sometimes called forest board transfer lands.
4. The Board of Commissioners reviewed the initial recommendation from the Charter Review Commission in work session on July 27. Subsequent work sessions were conducted on August 10, 17, 24, 31; and September 8 and 14 and included suggestions from an ad hoc committee of the Charter Review Commission on developing the proposed advisory committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Clallam County Commissioners, in consideration of the above findings of fact:

1. A Trust Lands Advisory Committee (TLAC) is created for the purposes found below and structured herein.
2. The TLAC will review and analyze the following:
  - a. The history, issues, benefits, challenges and advantages of re-conveyance of trust lands to Clallam County and if found to be in its best interest, to recommend such action as may be required to effect this change in the management of these properties.
  - b. If not in the greater interest of the County to seek re-conveyance, the Committee is tasked to provide guidance to ensure a continual engagement with the Department of Natural Resources on how it is promptly and adequately fulfilling its Trust Land objectives to Clallam County, its taxing districts, and its citizenry.
3. The Committee will address the following:
  - a. State Forest Board Lands (County Trust Lands): what they are, how they were obtained, where they are located, type of land, any restrictions.
  - b. Trust land management and duties.
  - c. Trust revenue: How it is generated, received by the County, and disbursed.
  - d. Habitat Conservation Plan: Its relevance to State Forest Board Lands and impacts on the question of re-conveyance; etc.
  - e. Re-conveyance: Requirements, likelihood, obligations County would assume, additional staff requirements
  - f. Next steps if reconveyance is not in the best interest of the County.
4. The Committee will provide an interim written report by February 15, 2016 and a final written report no later than December 31, 2016.
5. The membership shall be as follows:
  - One person appointed by each Commissioner from their District
  - A representative chosen by the Port of Port Angeles
  - A representative chosen by the School District Association

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- A representative chosen by the Department of Natural Resources
  - A representative chosen by the junior taxing districts who is familiar with the Department of Natural Resources trust lands
  - A representative chosen by the Society of American Foresters
  - A representative chosen by the granges
  - A representative chosen by the League of Women Voters
  - A representative chosen by the Republican Party
  - A representative chosen by the Democratic Party
  - A representative chosen by the Olympic Forest Coalition
  - A representative chosen by the North Olympic Timber Action Committee
  - A representative chosen by the City of Forks
  - A representative chosen by the environmental groups
6. County staff will issue a letter of invitation to each organization seeking their recommendation for appointment by the Board of Commissioners.
7. The Committee will operate under Clallam County Policy 952, Boards and Committees, supported by staff in the Commissioners' office, and serve until their report is complete and accepted by the Board not later than December 31, 2016.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this fifteenth day of September 2015

BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Jim McEntire  
Jim McEntire, Chair

voted no  
Mike Chapman

Bill Peach  
Bill Peach

ATTEST:

Trish Holden  
Trish Holden, CMC, Clerk of the Board