

Ferry County Accessible Voting Committee Meeting Minutes 5/17/2012  
Ferry County Commissioner's Office Building at 290 E. Tessie Avenue, Republic, WA.

Attendance: Dianna Galvan – Ferry County Auditor  
Arleen Tolliver – Ferry County Accessibility Coordinator  
Johnna Exner – Committee member  
Cale Exner – Committee member  
Jim Attebery - Committee member  
Irene Hildebrant – Committee member  
Cathy Estabrook – Committee member  
Alex Wirt – Committee member  
Helen Graham – Committee member

Meeting called to order at 5:36 p.m.

Arleen Tolliver presented a brief review of items most attendees were sent in an information packet. Those items included an explanation that the State of Washington is a Vote by Mail State and how this is impacted by the legislation that mandates the formation of our Accessible Voting Committee.

The requirement of a drop box site not located on property owned by Ferry County led to a drop box site currently located outside the Republic City Hall in Republic, Washington. A current grant for the Accessible Voting is going to pay for paving around this current location.

Dianna gave an explanation of what an AVU (Accessible Voting Unit) is. Discussion evolved as to the need and use of these units in a vote by mail state. Individuals with disabilities that wish to maintain strict confidentiality in casting their vote can use these units to accomplish that goal.

Discussion then turned towards the creation of a current Accessible Voting Plan for Ferry County. Using examples from approximately three different counties the committee formulated an Accessible Voting Plan for Ferry County. Arleen will finalize the plan from the draft created in the meeting and get everyone's final approval by email.

Dianna explained the voter outreach this year will include announcement of the Accessible Voting Committee, a demonstration of the AVU and an overview of vote by mail and voter registration for Ferry County. Dianna plans to have her voter outreach accomplished by August of this year.

Arleen and Dianna also explained that the Ferry County Auditor website will be updated to reflect our plan and how to voice or share needs and concerns for accessible voting.

The committee would like to meet once more before General Election this year and has chosen the second week in August for a target date.

Cathy Estabrook moved to close the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.  
Dianna Galvan took meeting minutes that were transcribed by Arleen Tolliver.