

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONERS AUDITORIUM
SPECIAL MEETING**

THURSDAY

9:00 A.M.

JULY 9, 2020

Board members present via Webex: Commissioner Brett Wachsmith; Commissioner Laura Osiadacz; and Commissioner Cory Wright.

Others via Webex: Taylor Crouch, Deputy Clerk of the Board I; Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of The Board II; Arden Thomas, WRP Manager; Mark Cook, Public Works Director/Interim County Engineer; Melissa Speeg, Kittitas Conservation Trust; Brian Straniti, The Nature Conservancy; Darcy Batura, The Nature Conservancy; Jane Kiker, The Nature Conservancy; Nicky Pasi, Mountains to Sound Greenway; and 5 members of the public.

PRESENTATION

PUBLIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

COMMISSIONERS

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Wachsmith opened a Special Meeting to receive a presentation regarding a Public Development Authority proposal.

Darcy Batura, The Nature Conservancy gave a brief overview of the project. Melissa Speeg, Kittitas Conservation Trust presented on the Checkerboard Partnership Community Forrest vision. She overviewed the Public Development Authority and why this project was important for timing reasons. There is a grant application with a fall deadline.

There was discussion on long term planning. Melissa Speeg presented on the financial aspects of this project. Commissioner Wachsmith asked how COVID-19 would impact potential funding. Darcy Batura said that funding may be impacted but that the application would still be moving forward.

There was discussion on community outreach.

Commissioner Osiadacz will submit a request to the Prosecutor's Office to start the review process. With current COVID-19 restrictions the Board stated their wish to hold off on a Public Hearing on this until Phase 4.

Meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD I

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7/21/2020


Taylor Crouch


Brett Wachsmith, Chairman