

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
PUBLIC HEARING**

TUESDAY

2:00 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 14, 2004

Board members present: Chairman Perry D. Huston, Vice-Chairman Bruce Coe and Commissioner Max Golladay.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; and approximately 7 members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING WATER UTILITY COORDINATING COMMITTEE COMMISSIOENRS

At 2:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN HUSTON** opened the public hearing continued from August 17, 2004, to consider the Upper Kittitas County water Utility Coordinating Committee's report and recommendations of the critical water supply service area boundaries.

ERIN ANDERSON, REPRESENTING THE CITY OF CLE ELUM, announced members of the Water Utility Coordinating Committee (WUCC) and other interested parties met on September 8, 2004. She said Pat Deneen had asked that two of his tax parcels be included in to the study area, in order for the City of Cle Elum to retain the ability to service the area with water. The members had no objections to his request.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: CHAD BALA, REPRESENTING TERRA DESIGNS, submitted the following documents into the record: letters from Pat Deneen (9/13/04); Nathan Weis, R&R Heights Land Company, Inc. (9/13/04); and Dan Gerber, Big Boulder, LLC (9/10/04); map (Exhibit 1). He said both Mr. Weis and Mr. Gerber have requested that their property be excluded from the Critical Water Service Supply Study Area. **PAT DENEEN** clarified portions of the map, and said everyone was in agreement with the proposed boundaries. **CHAIRMAN HUSTON** asked that complete boundaries and legal descriptions be submitted to the Board to ensure accuracy. **KEN RATLIFF, REPRESENTING SUNCADIA** said there were fourteen of their lots located with in the study area that were being impacted because of the current boundaries. He said until those lots have been removed from the study area, they can not turn on the water. He recommended the Board remove those lots from the study area. **JEFF LOUMAN** submitted maps (Exhibit 2 & 3) into the record. He clarified the areas that were currently located within the study area and those that have requested to be taken out. **SEAN NORTHUP, REPRESENTING SAPPHIRE SKIES** explained how they have land currently located in the study area and expressed their concerns. He felt the City of Cle Elum needed to make a commitment to provide

utilities to those in the urban growth area who haven't been able to get it, due to the regulation and permitting process. He requested that lands within Sections 25, 26, be removed from the study area and to keep in Section 27. **THERE BEING NO FURTHER TESTIMONY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

CHAIRMAN HUSTON found no reason to go against the committee's recommendations, and to include Mr. Northup's request to be excluded from the study area. He referenced Exhibit 1, clarifying the areas to be either included or excluded: green & yellow areas - to be added into the study area; orange and blue areas - to be removed from the study area; take Suncadia's property out, and remove Sapphire Skies land included in Sections 25, 26. **COMMISSIONER COE** expressed concerns with the level of control and did not want to be in a position for the cities to be allowed to control growth outside of the Urban Growth Areas, including water etc.

CHAIRMAN HUSTON moved to approve the proposed amendments as presented in Exhibit 1; to include the properties as requested by Pat Deneen; remove the sections requested by Sapphire Skies; and to direct Erin Anderson to draft a Resolution with appropriate maps and legal description of the boundaries. **COMMISSIONER GOLLADAY** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

CHAIRMAN HUSTON moved to continue the public hearing to Tuesday October 5, 2004 at 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium, Room 109, County Courthouse, to review enabling documents. **COMMISSIONER COE** seconded. Motion carried 3-0. It was noted the record was closed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Julie A. Kjorsvik

Perry D. Huston, Chairman