

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

TUESDAY

2:00 P.M.

MAY 6, 2008

Board members present: Chairman Mark McClain and Vice-Chairman Alan Crankovich. The Commissioner District #1 position is currently vacant.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Patti Johnson, Solid Waste Director/Interim Maintenance Director; Allison Kimball, Assistant Director for Community Development Services; Brandon Drexler, Public Works Director; Darryl Piercy, Director of Community Development Services; Jan Olivier, Public Works Transportation Manager; Christina Wollman, Public Works Planner; Linda Huber, Accountant for the Auditor's office and approximately 12 members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING

SPECIAL WASTE RATE INCREASE

SOLID WASTE

At approximately 2:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN McCLAIN** opened a public hearing to consider a proposed rate increase for special waste.

PATTI JOHNSON, SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR requested a continuance of the public hearing to Tuesday June 3, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. stating she was still working with Waste Management and other options for better waste rates.

THERE WAS NO ONE IN ATTENDANCE REQUESTING TO TESTIFY.

COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH moved to continue the public hearing to Tuesday June 3, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium, noting the record would remain open. **CHAIRMAN McCLAIN** seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

LEASE - SADDLE MT. PIT

PUBLIC WORKS

At approximately 2:01 p.m. **CHAIRMAN McCLAIN** opened a public hearing to consider granting a lease for a County owned pit, Saddle Mt. Pit, located in Section 7, Township 17N, Range 21E, W.M.

BRANDON DREXLER, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT reviewed a request received from W.E. Rock (World Extreme Rock Crawling) and said the Board of Adjustment had denied their Conditional Use Permit which is required

prior to the consideration of a lease for county property, and recommended denial of the request.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: CATHERINE CLERF said the property was in Forest & Range area and the proposed activity was not an allowed use. **THERE BEING NO ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH moved to deny the request from WE-ROCK to lease County property located at Saddle Mountain Pit. **CHAIRMAN McCLAIN** seconded.

COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH noted there was not a conditional use for the type of activity that was being requested by WE-ROCK (rock crawling). **CHAIRMAN McCLAIN** thanked County staff for their efforts, stating they had worked with representatives from WE-ROCK trying to assist them with locating property, despite the fact they had their own time constraints. He indicated staff worked very hard and commended them for their efforts; in fact they were still trying to see if there was something they could do to assist them.

COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH explained how the potential of the event came through last year, which was less than one month before their event, and they were advised at that time that if they were still interested in having their event in the County, they needed to start immediately to plan for this year. The County was not contacted by their company until January 2008, which did not leave a lot of time to go through the process, but staff tried to accommodate them to the best of their ability.

Motion carried 2-0.

PUBLIC HEARING LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN PUBLIC WORKS

At approximately 2:07 p.m. **CHAIRMAN McCLAIN** opened a public hearing to consider Kittitas County's Long Range Transportation Plan.

JAN OLIVIER, PUBLIC WORKS TRANSPORTATION MANAGER distributed a copy of a letter from the Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development, which the backside had been inadvertently left out when the information had been forwarded to the Board. She also distributed a copy of a power point presentation relating to what is required and how the plan was developed.

THERE BEING NO ONE REQUESTING TO TESTIFY THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.

COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH commended staff on their hard work preparing the plan, stating it was done in a very thorough manner. He said the public comments were well received and some were incorporated into the overall transportation plan. He said he was particularly interested in getting sno-parks to an offsite place. He said the future potential corridors are what are logical based on development and terrain. **CHAIRMAN McCLAIN** acknowledged there was a lot of work that went into getting the plan together and appreciated staff's efforts. He offered suggestions for changing language within the plan.

COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH moved to continue the public hearing to consider the long range transportation plan, to Tuesday June 3, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium, Room 109, Kittitas County Courthouse. **CHAIRMAN McCLAIN** seconded. Motion carried 2-0. It was noted the record was closed.

PUBLIC HEARING VANTAGE WIND POWER PROJECT (WSA-07-01) CDS

At approximately 2:41 p.m. **CHAIRMAN McCLAIN** opened the public hearing continued from April 15, 2008 to consider an application submitted by Inenergy Wind North America (WNA) for the Vantage Wind Power Project (WSA-07-01). He noted the record had been closed previously to public comment.

DARRYL PIERCY, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES noted the Board had been provided with a red line version of the Development Agreement, as well as a clean version, and all changes have been incorporated. He said the exhibits attached to the Development Agreement were distributed as well. **MR. PIERCY** said a visual and sound analysis had been conducted relating to the reduced setback issues associated with the project (Ryegrass Rest Area and the Vantage Highway structures). He referenced Section 1.3 of the Development Agreement (red-lined version) and noted the paragraph that had been negotiated with the Wild Horse Wind Power project. He suggested reinstating a time period to re-evaluate between the long range planning efforts at the airport and the proposed facility. **CHAIRMAN McCLAIN** offered suggested language relating to the timeframe and it's relation to the future expansion of the airport. **COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH** suggested placing language to include the first increment of review being 10 years followed by every five years after that.

DAVE IADAROLA, REPRESENTING INVENERGY WIND NORTH AMERICA, said they did not have an issue with the proposed time frame, which would start with ten years followed by every five years following. He wanted to be sure that the changes are being mutually agreed upon by both parties. It was noted they may have difficulty with their

lenders if the language is not included that any changes during the review period need to be "mutually agreed upon".

MR. PIERCY noted with the exception of the time frame and the language had not been changed since it was submitted by the applicant which was part of their initial proposal. He said their analysis was done within the best of their ability and the relied upon data they gleaned from the Wild Horse Environmental Impact Statement. He indicated it represents accurate visual and sound impacts.

The Board suggested having a twenty year review period followed by increments every five years following. **MR. IADOROLA** agreed with the proposed language and timeframe suggested by the Board.

COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH moved to approve the Vantage Wind Power Project as presented. **CHAIRMAN McCLAIN** seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH moved to approve the Development Agreement, as amended and to authorize the Board to sign the document upon receipt from Invenergy. **CHAIRMAN McCLAIN** seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

The Board thanked staff, applicants and citizens for their involvement with the project.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Julie A. Kjorsvik

Mark McClain, Chairman