

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

WEDNESDAY

1:00 P.M.

JUNE 18, 2008

Board members present: Vice-Chairman Alan Crankovich and Commissioner Linda Huber. Absent- Chairman Mark McClain.

Others: Mandy Robinson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Darryl Piercy, Director of Community Development Services; Dan Valoff, CDS Staff Planner; Jeff Slothower, Attorney; and three members of the public.

APPEAL HEARING

SEPA MDNS- LAUDERDALE TRANSMISSION TAP

CDS

At approximately 1:30 p.m. **VICE-CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH** opened an appeal hearing to consider an appeal filed by Attorney Jeff Slothower who is appealing the issuance of a SEPA MDNS by the Kittitas County Community Development Services on the Kittitas County PUD #1-115,000 volt, Lauderdale Transmission Tap & New Electrical Substation application. The project starting point is along a BPA transmission line located east of the intersection of Smithson and Robbins Road, then heading west along Smithson Road approximately 6 miles to SR 97, approximately 8 miles to a point near the intersection of SR 97 and SR 970, more commonly known as Lauderdale Junction, then westerly along SR 970 terminating at a new electrical substation located approximately 0.5 miles west of the Lauderdale Junction on Swauk Prairie Road. Located in portions of Section 35 T19N R18E and Sections 3 and 15, T19N, R17E, W.M, Kittitas County Washington.

DARRYL PIERCY, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

acknowledged a letter dated May 23, 2008 addressed to Dan Valoff, CDS Staff Planner, from Kittitas County Public Utility District #1 regarding SEPA-08-01 Appeal Response and indicating their desire to withdraw their application for SEPA Review, signed by Matt Boast, System Engineer with Kittitas County Public Utility District #1. He indicated that all issues had been resolved.

JEFF SLOTHOWER, ATTORNEY REPRESENTING gave a brief history of the property and location, he explained his clients concern with the original SEPA concerns and felt issues were ignored. He indicated he sent a letter to Community Development Services regarding the SEPA MDNS and no response was ever received, and said that is why they appealed the application to begin with. He felt if the applicant has withdrawn the application, it was fair to request the Appeal fee be refunded to the appellant, or request language be drafted reflecting that the Commissioners would uphold the Appeal so that if this type

of Appeal comes back through from the applicant no action can be taken.

DARRYL PIERCY, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES indicated that it may be possible to put language indicating to "Accept with Prejudice" as an option. He indicated that this basically means no applicant can submit an identical application.

JEFF SLOTHOWER, ATTORNEY REPRESENTING expressed his wiliness to entertain that idea but would like to request his Appeal Fee back.

VICE-CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH moved to continue the Appeal Hearing to Monday June 23, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium. **COMMISSIONER HUBER** seconded. Motion Carried 2-0.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Mandy Robinson

Alan Crankovich, Vice Chairman