

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

**TUESDAY**

**2:00 P.M.**

**NOVEMBER 18, 2008**

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

Others: Catherine Dunn, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Kirk Holmes, Public Works Director; Jan Ollivier, Transportation Manager; Todd Davis, Noxious Weed Program Coordinator, Noxious Weed Staff and Mary Morgan, Weed Board member and one member of the public.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**NOXIOUS WEED LEVY**

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At 2:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN McCLAIN** opened the public hearing continued from October 7, 2008. **VICE-CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH** made a motion to remove from the table a public hearing to consider adoption of a Resolution to Establish an Assessment Levy for the Kittitas County Noxious Weed Board for incorporated lands of Kittitas County, pursuant to RCW 17.10.240. **COMMISSIONER HUBER** seconded the motion. Motion carried, 3-0.

**TODD DAVIS, WEED BOARD PROGRAM COORDINATOR**, said that he had contacted the various City Council members as suggested by the Board. The only response that he received was from Jim Eidemiller, City of Cle Elum who did not support the assessment levy. He asked the Board to consider the alternative Resolution that was just for the City of Ellensburg that supports the Levy, which will be one quarter of the normal assessment in the unincorporated areas. He said he would have to get the signed Resolution to the Assessor's Office before the end of November in order to have the assessment in the 2009 weed season.

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

**RESOLUTION 2008-161**

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**COMMISSIONER LINDA HUBER** moved for Board signature of Resolution 2008-161 establishing a noxious weed levy assessment for incorporated lands in the City of Ellensburg. **VICE-CHAIRMAN**

**CRANKOVICH** seconded the motion. Motion carried, 2-1. (**CHAIRMAN McClAIN** opposed)

**VICE-CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH** moved to approve Resolution 2008-162 establishing Weed Assessment levies for incorporated lands in Kittitas County. **COMMISSIONER HUBER** seconded the motion. She said that the resolution was designed to make assessments to all incorporated lands. Motion failed, 0-3.

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**PUBLIC HEARING**

**COVE RD VACATION**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

At approximately 2:10 p.m. **CHAIRMAN McClAIN** opened the public hearing continued from November 4, 2008 to consider vacation of a portion of Cove Road right of way. **JAN OLLIVIER, TRANSPORTATION MANAGER** said that the Board had asked her to research the utilities on the portion of the right of way to be vacated and she had found no utilities. She said the Board had continued the public hearing for more public testimony. She asked if staff should prepare enabling documents for the \$7,691.65 amount of the vacation.

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

**VICE-CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH** moved to grant the vacation and direct staff to prepare enabling documents for the December 2, 2008 agenda. **COMMISSIONER HUBER** seconded the motion. **VICE-CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH** remarked that he had been a part of the road reconstruction in 1998 and that it should have been vacated at that time. Motion carried, 3-0.

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**PUBLIC HEARING**

**NON-EXCLUSIVE IRRIGATION FRANCHISE**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

At approximately 2:15 p.m. **CHAIRMAN McClAIN** opened the public hearing on the Non-Exclusive Irrigation Franchise on the County Right of Way of the Kittitas Highway. **KIRK HOLMES, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR** said that Jack Clerf wished to place a 12 inch PVC pipe in the right of way and remove two concrete drop structures. He said this was a win-win situation removing hazards from the public highway.

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

**AGREEMENT**

**JACK CLERF/KITTITAS HWY**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**VICE-CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH** moved to grant approval of the non-exclusive irrigation franchise. **COMMISSIONER HUBER** seconded the motion. Motion carried, 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

**DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD**

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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Catherine Dunn

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Mark McClain, Chairman