

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES  
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE ROOM  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**TUESDAY**

**11:30 A.M**

**DECEMBER 16, 2008**

Board members present: Chairman Mark McClain, Vice Chairman Alan Crankovich and Commissioner Paul Jewell.

Others: Catherine Dunn, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Greg Zempel, Prosecutor; Skip Swenson and Jill Arango, Cascade Land Conservancy.

**SPECIAL MEETING CASCADE LAND CONSERVANCY TDR PROJECT COMMISSIONERS**

**CHAIRMAN McCLAIN** opened the meeting at 11:32 a.m. He explained that Cascade Land Conservancy had funds available for purchase of Development Rights but wanted the county to execute an agreement for certification of the development rights proposed. **GREG ZEMPEL, PROSECUTOR** expressed concerns with the agreement including lack of conservation goals, public benefits are not defined, a lack of parameters for qualification and kind of development rights explained.

**SKIP SWENSON, CASCADE LAND CONSERVANCY**, explained they had two properties that their funding source had approved. In one case, it involved 480 acres to do a demonstration project. They saw it as a low risk for the county but they wanted some sort of guarantee that the property would be certified as qualifying for the Transfer of Development Rights.

**JILL ARANGO, CASCADE LAND CONSERVANCY**, said that they anticipated having to hold the rights for a number of years until the market was better.

**COMMISSIONER JEWELL** said that they were under no obligation with this agreement.

**GREG ZEMPEL** outlined some areas of the agreement that he would like changed or improved. **SKIP SWENSON** agreed to make the changes and email them to Mr. Zempel.

**VICE-CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH** moved to continue the meeting to December 22, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium for consideration of the memorandum of agreement. **COMMISSIONER JEWELL** seconded the motion. Motion carried, 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:10 p.m.

**DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD**

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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**Catherine Dunn**

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**Mark McClain, Chairman**