

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
UPPER DISTRICT COURT - CLE ELUM
SPECIAL MEETING**

FRIDAY

1:30 P.M.

MARCH 13, 2009

Board members present: Chairman Alan Crankovich; Vice-Chairman Paul Jewell; Commissioner Mark McClain.

Others present: Cathy Bambrick, Public Health Director; Holly Duncan, Environmental Health Specialist II and Robert Johnson.

SPECIAL MEETING

DAVID LUND

COMMISSIONERS

At approximately 1:08 p.m. the Board held a meeting to discuss an issue brought forth from David Lund. According to Mr. Lund, Darryl Piercy, the previous Director of Community Development Services department approved setbacks for wells drilled on the Lund Short Plat and Westside Short Plat that did not meet the critical areas ordinance and/or the 50 foot property line setback. It was stated that Mr. Piercy allowed the wells to be drilled only if a legal easement was attained on the surrounding properties.

The discussion continued regarding the benefits of a Group B Water system over individual wells including the cost of drilling 7 additional individual wells. Mr. Lund was concerned about the SMA costs associated with the Group B Water System including the \$35.00/month maintenance fee. Ms. Duncan said he could phase in the connections starting with 1 connection minimizing the monthly fees.

Further discussion occurred regarding the legal easements for wells and how the setbacks must be maintained by law. Mr. Lund expressed his frustration about being misinformed by county staff in the past and said he based his decision to drill the wells on staff approval. The pros and cons related to all the scenarios proposed by Kittitas County Public Health Department staff were reviewed. Mr. Lund expressed frustration with the law in terms of it being unjust for individual well setbacks.

Commissioner Crankovich and Commissioner McClain expressed their regrets to Mr. Lund about the misdirection provided by staff. Ms. Bambrick apologized for the information provided by the prior Environmental Health Director.

The Board decided to send a request to the County Prosecutor's office to review Mr. Lund's request and ask for a 2 week time frame for a decision. Commissioner Crankovich offered to take the lead on this project.

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Alan Crankovich, Chairman