

COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES  
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
COMMISSIONERS AUDITORIUM  
REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY

2:00 P.M.

AUGUST 3, 2010

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

Others: Catherine Dunn, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Cathy Bambrick, Public Health Administrator; James Rivard, Environmental Health Supervisor; Dan Valoff, Staff Planner; Neil Caulkins and Suzanne Becker, Deputy Prosecutors and Wayne Nelson representing the public.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**POTABLE WATER REQUIREMENTS**

**PUBLIC HEALTH**

At 2:00 p.m. **Chairman McClain** opened the public hearing continued from July 20, 2010 to consider potable water requirements for preliminary and final plat approval with testimony remaining open, although written comments were to be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 2, 2010.

**Cathy Bambrick, Public Health Administrator**, said she had provided documents and made the changes regarding the WA ST Department of Health on Group B water systems adding "or as amended by the WA ST Department of Health".

**Chairman McClain** asked about her response to the comments emailed by Steve Lathrop. **Ms. Bambrick** responded that in numbers 2 and 3 of his comments, the intent of the policy is as general guidelines for staff rather than a specific policy and procedure to implement Group A and B water systems. The change does assure that the Group A and B requirements are met including acquisition of water rights by including the requirement that a DOH Water System ID number is issued. She said Group B water systems use exempt wells and do not need a water right.

**Vice-Chairman Jewell** asked for clarification related to Mr. Lathrop's comments. **Ms. Bambrick** said that Resolution 2004-36 was the template followed. Resolution 2004-36 provided guidelines for final approval only. The document would have been different if she had written it from the beginning.

There was a discussion of the requirements for Preliminary Plat approval.

**Chairman McClain** asked about the requirement related to a well site inspection for Group B Water Systems as he recalled only 30% of wells needing an inspection.

**Cathy Bambrick** said that DOH requires all public water systems have a well site inspection performed by either Public Health or Department of Health staff. The Public Health Department has an agreement with DOE to inspect 30% of the wells drilled in Kittitas County. She said those are two different requirements.

**THOSE PRESENT AND TESTIFYING:** **Wayne Nelson, PO Box 52, Cle Elum, WA** said he hasn't read the final version but as long as it's clear what's required at submittal, he can cope with it. **Chairman McClain** asked if he saw any concerns and **Mr. Nelson** replied, speaking for himself, he did not see any.

**THE PUBLIC TESTIMONY WAS CLOSED.**

**Vice-Chairman Jewell** said he was glad to have gone through this process. He said he favored the policy that continues the process regarding individual wells. He said he thought that RCW 58.17 never had a strict requirement of having the water system in place. He said the staff should make the changes in the administrative policy they had talked about and he wondered if the Board wanted to specify the clarification.

The Board discussed clarification methods. Staff was directed to make changes to the Administrative Policy to read:

"Prior to receiving final approval for subdivisions (short plats and long plats) in Kittitas County, applicants shall be required to *show written findings* of the adequacy of potable water supplies. *Acceptable written findings* of a potable water supply for the purposes of Kittitas County Public Health Department (KCPHD) include:" Italics are to show additions/changes.

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**Vice-Chairman Jewell** moved to continue the public hearing to August 17, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Auditorium to consider enabling documents. The record is closed. **Commissioner Crankovich** seconded the motion. Motion carried, 3-0.

The public hearing was adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

  
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Catherine Dunn

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Mark McClain, Chairman