

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

TUESDAY

2:00 P.M.

APRIL 3, 2012

Board members present: Chairman Alan Crankovich; Vice-Chairman Obie O'Brien and Commissioner Paul Jewell.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Dan Valoff, Staff Planner; Christina Wollman, Staff Planner; Roy Chance, Construction Manager; Mike Zabransky, Engineer Tech.; Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor; and 10 members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING

IRRIGATION FRANCHISE - WPA ROAD

PUBLIC WORKS

At 2:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH** opened a Public Hearing to consider an Irrigation Franchise along WPA Road.

ROY CHANCE, CONSTRUCTION MANAGER reviewed a Staff Report and said Mr. Bill Hunt Jr. had applied for an Irrigation Franchise within the WPA Road Right-of-Way extending from his adjacent property located at 741 WPA Road to the KRD Lateral to the south. He said they have reviewed the design with the County Engineer and he has no objections to the project. He said the Prosecutors office also reviewed the application and found it to sufficiently meet the statutory requirements and case law definition of public interest to warrant issuance of the franchise.

CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH asked staff to explain how the application was different than the one which was denied back in 2009. **MR. CHANCE** reviewed the differences between the previous application and the current application and said the project would be staying within the KRD right-of-way. He said there were no structures that would be built that would interfere with neighboring property owners.

COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN felt the application was different in that it does not connect to any neighbor's property and was within the County right-of-way. **COMMISSIONER JEWELL** said the application appears to be substantially different than the previous application back in 2009.

JOHN WINBAUER, ATTORNEY REPRESENTING THE APPLICANT provided maps of the proposed franchise area. He said KRD does not have any issue with the application and the project would not interfere with the neighboring property owners.

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4/17/2012

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

AGREEMENT

HUNT - IRRIGATION FRANCHISE

PUBLIC WORKS

COMMISSIONER JEWELL moved to approve a Non-Exclusive Irrigation Water and/or Sewer Franchise with Bill Hunt, Jr. located within the WPA Road Right-of-Way extending from his adjacent property located at 741 WPA Road to the KRD Lateral to the south. COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

EASTON RANCHETTES PLAT ALTERATION

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At 2:15 p.m. CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH opened a Public Hearing to consider the Easton Ranchettes Plat Alteration (LP-11-01).

DAN VALOFF, STAFF PLANNER reviewed a request from Lloyd Moritz and Charles Brown, authorized agents for the Pacific Northwest Association of the Church of God, land owners, for an alteration of the Easton Ranchettes Plat to extinguish a 200-foot aircraft runway easements and removal of the 19 lot lines and associated road easements within the Double K Christian Retreat Center properties. He said it is located approximately 9.5 miles west of the City of Cle Elum, west of Old Cedars Road, east of Tall Timber Trail and south of Interstate 90. He said he did not recommend any additional conditions from what had already been provided.

CHARLES BROWN, APPLICANT urged the Board to approve their request for an alteration to the Easton Ranchettes Plat. He said their request would allow them to expand their facility.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: MIKE ST ANTOINE said they have a local easement and by granting their request it would land lock their property. COMMISSIONER JEWELL said the request is for removal of lines within the current plat and a private easement does not have anything to do with the public hearing. THERE BEING NO ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.

COMMISSIONER JEWELL moved to approve the Easton Ranchettes Plat Alteration (LP-11-01) and to continue the Public Hearing to April 17, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium to consider enabling documents. COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

SUNSHINE ESTATES PLAT ALTERATION

CDS

At 2:33 p.m. CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH opened a Public Hearing to consider the Sunshine Estates Plat Alteration (LP-11-04).

DAN VALOFF, STAFF PLANNER reviewed a request from Wayne Nelson, authorized agent for Sunshine Estates Community Club, landowner. He said the alteration would remove the dedication language for the use of the public using private roads within the plat. He said the public benefit would be to the landowners and residents within the Plat. He said there would be no impacts to artifacts or potential archeological items, as there would be no digging, etc.

WAYNE NELSON, REPRESENTING THE APPLICANT concurred with the Staff Report and said the primary concerns expressed from the Association were due to safety and vandalism which has been occurring by increased growth in the area. He felt it was in the best interest of the public, noting there were no improved trails or anything in the area. **BILL ROCHESTER, PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION** reviewed the issues relating to trespassing and vandalism. He said they have had homes in the area that have been broken into and some thefts including snowmobiles and four-wheelers. He said people seem to go into the area to try and access the lake and there are drivers who continue to speed regardless of the posted speed limit.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: **JAN WARD** said she owns property in the area and questioned if it went to being a private road and if a gate was put on, where would it go? She asked if they would lose any rights if a gate were to be installed. **THOMAS WARD** asked about the public utilities which come behind Driftwood Acres and said they were required to have access to the road as well. **THERE BEING NO ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

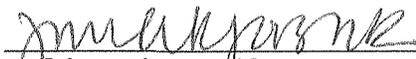
COMMISSIONER JEWELL moved to approve the Sunshine Estates Plat Amendment, noting the public utility easements are continued to be in place, and to continue the Public Hearing to April 17, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium to consider enabling documents. **COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN** seconded.

COMMISSIONER JEWELL moved to amend the motion to include a condition to the alteration for approval of Spring Creek Estates since it's their exclusive access. **COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Original motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD


Julie Kjorsvik

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Alan Crankovich, Chairman