

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

TUESDAY

1:00 P.M.

MAY 22, 2012

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; James Rivard, Environmental Health Supervisor; Sage Park, Department of Ecology; Doc Hansen, Planning Official; Dave Blanchard, Sapphire Skies; and one member of the public.

SPECIAL MEETING

WATER RIGHT USE

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

At 1:00 p.m. Chairman Crankovich opened a Special Meeting to meet with Environmental Health to review a water right permit from Sapphire Skies.

James Rivard, Environmental Health Supervisor explained they had received a water availability application back in March which had a low flow to serve a total of four parcels and so they began discussing the concerns with David Blanchard of Sapphire Skies (applicant). He said when they ran the calculations for 4 parcel's it did not meet the minimum threshold of 350 gallons per day for all of them. He said he has expressed concerns to the Department of Health, but has not heard back from them and they want to be sure they are being consistent and if they are telling people something different, they need to be kept informed. He said their department was concerned with the 4th parcel not meeting the minimum acceptable production level where the water source is a well and has 350 gallons per day available for individual well systems.

David Blanchard, representing Sapphire Skies explained they have CC&R's and the Deeds that go along with the parcels outlining water restrictions of 300 gallons per day on average however, he noted they do have a capacity of 350 gallons. He noted they were not subject to the moratorium and that the property was generally used as second homes. Commissioner Jewell said the County can't assume they are only used for second homes. Chairman Crankovich said the County cannot enforce CC&R's and would like to see the Department of Health's clarification and position.

Sage Park, Representing the Department of Ecology said the permit was issued with a caveat that the system would have to be approved by the

Department of Health. She described the Department of Ecology's requirements and reviewed the Ground Water Permit, noting they would be monitored.

Commissioner O'Brien said he had never seen the words "peak" or "average" in the laws. Mr. Blanchard said the language came from their consultant and he would be happy to give the Board the consultant's contact information if they have questions.

Commissioner Jewell noted the Department of Ecology approved a permit for up to 4 units and the owners have legal access to the water, although he would like to obtain consistency from the Department of Health because they seem to be all over the board. Mr. Rivard said they do not want to prohibit uses of lots, but the Department of Health does have minimum legal quantities they need to ensure are being complied with. Chairman Crankovich said he does not want the Department of Ecology or the Department of Health saying the County did something wrong. Mr. Rivard offered to try and meet with the Department Health and the Department of Ecology to discuss the concerns some time during the summer.

The Board of County Commissioner came to a consensus to allow Mr. Rivard to revise the letter allowing the applicant to move forward.

AGREEMENT FRIENDS OF THE NORTHERN PACIFIC DEPOT COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Jewell moved to approve an Agreement for the 2012 Lodging Tax Services between Kittitas County and Friends of the Northern Pacific Depot, in the amount of \$18,000.00. Commissioner O'Brien seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

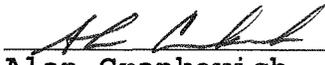
The meeting was adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Julie Kjorsvik



Alan Crankovich, Chairman