

**KITTITAS COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSIONERS AUDITORIUM  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**TUESDAY**

**2:00 P.M.**

**MARCH 5, 2013**

Board members present: Chairman Obie O'Brien; Vice-Chairman Jewell and Commissioner Gary Berndt.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board and Jeff Watson, Staff Planner.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**OPEN SPACE CURRENT USE - PEARSON**

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At 2:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN** opened a Public Hearing to consider an Open Space Current Use Application from Ross Pearson (OC-11-00001) for classification or reclassification as open space land or timber land for current use assessment under RCW Chapter 84.34.

**JEFF WATSON, STAFF PLANNER** said the Open Space Current use Application submitted by Mr. Ross Pearson was for 3.37 acres of a 4.37 acre parcel located at the end of Yakima River Terrace Road approximately 4.5 miles southwest of the City of Cle Elum on the shoreline of the Yakima River in a portion of Section 36, Township 20, Range 14, W.M. in Kittitas County (Map Number 20-14-36051-0004). He stated the Planning Commission reviewed the application and unanimously voted approving the request. He said that according to Kittitas County Ordinance 1994-025, it states the application must meet at least one of the following criteria and he said it actually meets 4 of them.

**COMMISSIONER JEWELL** referenced Resolution No. 2002-099 where it states "within platted subdivisions, only those parcels that prohibit residential structures shall be eligible for Open Space or Timberland Classification". **MR. WATSON** said it was an oversight on his part and did not see that. **COMMISSIONER JEWELL** noted the application was on a platted subdivision and although it was done back in 2002, the County had recently received an audit on timber land and although they did not talk about Open Space, he assumed it would apply in this case as well. He suggested consulting with the Prosecutors office to see how the Resolution should apply to the proposed application and recommended continuing the public hearing for one month to allow for the consultation to occur.

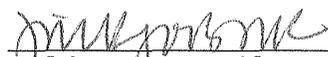
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**COMMISSIONER JEWELL** moved to continue the Public Hearing to Tuesday April 2, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. for further deliberation, noting the record is open. **COMMISSIONER BERNDT** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

**CLERK OF THE BOARD**



**Julie Kjorsvik**

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



**Chairman Obie O'Brien**