

KITTITAS COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE ROOM
SPECIAL MEETING

THURSDAY

3:00 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 19, 2013

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

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Louis Musso, Meeting Requestor; Jim Armstrong, CEO Kittitas County Chamber Commerce and one member of the public.

SPECIAL MEETING

CO. RAIL DISTRICT

COMMISSIONERS

Chairman O'Brien opened a Special Meeting to meet with Louis Musso regarding the Kittitas County Rail District.

Louis Musso gave a brief history of the Rail District, noting it was placed on the November 6, 2007 ballot for citizens to approve or not. He explained that it was accepted by the citizens based on a no tax increase to the citizens. He thought that now was the time to formalize the County Rail District due to the increasing interest from other Port Districts. He stated three other Port Districts that have interest in the Rail District formalizing and becoming active. He asked the Board to authorize him to speak with the other Port Districts and request reports and information to bring back to the County to consider. He stated that he didn't see it taking longer than 60-90 days.

Jim Armstrong, CEO Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce stated that the Chamber supports Mr. Musso with regard to the work he is trying to accomplish with the Rail District.

Commissioner Jewell suggested that Mr. Musso work with the Chamber, and they could manage the work since they act as the County's ADO. Jim Armstrong stated that there are some other very vested citizens that he would contact to see if they were interested in working on the committee, and then produce a report for the BoCC. He felt 60-90 days was a reasonable turnaround.

There was discussion on the pro's and con's of forming a Port District.

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The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD


Mandy Buchholz

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Chairman Obie O'Brien