

**KITTITAS COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
HAL HOLMES CENTER
209 NORTH RUBY STREET
ELLENSBURG, WASHINGTON**

MONDAY

6:00 P.M.

MAY 5, 2014

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Lindsey Ozbolt, Staff Planner; Doc Hansen, Planning Official; Robin Read, Public Health Administrator; Erin Moore, Environmental Health Tech.; Holly Meyers, Environmental Health Supervisor; Dr. Mark Larsen, Public Health Official; Holly Duncan, Environmental Health Specialist; Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor and approximately 15 members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMPLIANCE EFFORTS CDS

At 6:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN JEWELL** opened a Public Hearing to consider any changes to the proposal presented at the February 26, 2014 Public Hearing on the Kittitas County Comprehensive Plan Compliance Efforts.

DOC HANSEN, PLANNING OFFICIAL reviewed the history of the proposed Settlement Agreement that had been worked on between Kittitas County, Department of Ecology and intervening parties. He said at the conclusion of the previous hearing the Kittitas County Commissioners directed Staff to request an extension to the Growth Management Hearings Board. The request for an extension was granted until May 14, 2014. He reviewed the changes since the last hearing and said Staff recommended approval.

ROBIN READ, PUBLIC HEALTH ADMINISTRATOR reviewed a power point presentation outlining the Kittitas County Interim Period Mitigation Program; Interim Mitigation Water Fees; AWS D Process for the Lower County only (18 month interim period) and the AWS D Process Permanent Measures for all of Kittitas County.

CHAIRMAN JEWELL noted how there were only 5 changes to the goals, policies and objectives from the previous hearing and only one of those they could not reach a complete consensus. **MR. HANSEN** summarized the proposed changes to the originally proposed amendments to Chapter 8 in the Kittitas County Comprehensive Plan.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: MELISSA BATES commended everyone who had worked together and was pleased with the discussions and results. **MARGE BRANSRUD** thanked everyone for working through the issues and was happy with the outcome. She hoped future Boards would stand by the Settlement Agreement. **MARK CHARLTON REPRESENTING THE KITTITAS COUNTY FARM BUREAU** thanked everyone for their

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work. He felt there would need to be additional discussion in the future regarding what constitutes viable agriculture however, they approved of Staff's recommendation. **ROGER BECK, REPRESENTING SUNCADIA** said he was opposed to the proposed action that will most likely be taken by the Board of County Commissioners. He explained that when Suncadia went through the original Development Agreement they were required to purchase water rights not just for Suncadia, and they now have an excess of 2,000 residential units valued at over 10 million dollars. They have been selling them at a fair price and did not feel the County should be going into the water banking business. He said they would take every legal action to try and stop the County from doing what is being proposed. He asked how the County determined the value and how it was reached? **TIM TROHIMOVICH, REPRESENTING FUTUREWISE** strongly supported the water provisions and felt it was basic consumer protection. He felt the County should be proud as it is visionary and protects fish & wildlife and supported the revisions proposed by Staff and the Farm Bureau. **THERE BEING NO OTHERS REQUESTING TO TESTIFY THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

CHAIRMAN JEWELL acknowledged Staff's recommendations were acceptable to both sides and clarified the price would only be available in the interim period. **NEIL CAULKINS, DEPUTY PROSECUTOR** explained how the mitigation protects existing water rights. The Board thanked everyone for their work in getting to this point.

COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN moved to approve the Settlement Agreement, as presented. **COMMISSIONER BERNDT** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN moved to approve Exhibit A and A1 and accept Staff's recommendation. **COMMISSIONER BERNDT** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN moved to approve Exhibit B, as discussed. **COMMISSIONER BERNDT** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN moved to approve Exhibit B1, as presented. **COMMISSIONER BERNDT** seconded. **COMMISSIONER JEWELL** did not feel it was restrictive enough, but would support amendment as they need to get something on the books and hoped discussion would continue. Motion carried 3-0.

COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN moved to approve Exhibit C, as presented. **COMMISSIONER BERNDT** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN moved to approve Exhibit D, as presented. **COMMISSIONER BERNDT** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN moved to approve Exhibit E, as presented. **COMMISSIONER BERNDT** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

COMMISSIONER BERNDT moved to approve a proposed Lease with the City of Roslyn. **COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN moved to continue the Public Hearing to May 15, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium to consider enabling documents, noting the record was closed. **COMMISSIONER BERNDT** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD


Julie Kjorsvik

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Paul Jewell, Chairman