

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

WEDNESDAY

2:00 P.M.

JULY 22, 2015

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Doc Hansen, Planning Official/Interim Planning Director; Robin Read, Public Health Administrator; Holly Myers, Environmental Health Supervisor; Erin Moore, Environmental Health Specialist; Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor; Holly Duncan, Environmental Health Specialist; Kaitlyn Reddick, Financial Analyst; Lindsey Ozbolt, Staff Planner and 2 members of the public.

SPECIAL MEETING MITIGATION REQUIREMENTS & PROGRAM PUBLIC HEALTH

At 2:00 p.m. Chairman Berndt opened a Special Meeting to hear a report from the Public Health Department on upcoming changes to County mitigation requirements and program for water adequacy.

Robin Read, Public Health Administrator, provided a report on their Open Houses that were held in Cle Elum and Ellensburg. She reviewed a power-point presentation which included information on the water quality recommendations for Package A & Package B; Metering Focus Group; Open Houses and public feedback; Code Changes and Policy. Erin Moore, Environmental Health Specialist reviewed a Water Bank Process Flow Chart; Internal Water Banking & Metering Process.

Ms. Read thought some of the public who attended the Open Houses were hoping to hear if there were options for those who have property located in the red zones.

The Board asked Staff questions and requested clarification of some of the proposed mitigation and metering program. Ms. Read said the next step was to continue working with the "over the counter program" and taking the information to a Public Hearing in September. If the Board approves it after the Public Hearing, it will hopefully be ready to go before December 2nd. The Public Health Department said the costs would cost approximately \$200.00 per year. Since they cannot put the bill on the annual County tax rolls the Public Health Department will have to send out the bills, accept payments, etc. and right now they assume

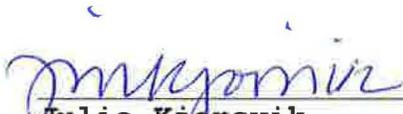
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there will not be any grants to reimburse them, although Commissioner Jewell said he had been working on trying to obtain a grant to cover some of the costs. Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor clarified it was not a tax but rather a fee, and the County Treasurer does not have the authority to bill and therefore it would need to be sent out a different way.

The Board thanked Staff for their hard work and felt they had been making great progress.

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

CLERK OF THE BOARD



Julie Kjørsvik

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Gary Berndt, Chairman