

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

**WEDNESDAY**

**3:00 P.M.**

**AUGUST 19, 2015**

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

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Tom Bugert & Mo McBroom, Government Relations - The Nature Conservancy and two members of the public.

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**NATURE CONSERVANCY**

**COMMISSIONERS**

At 3:05 p.m. Chairman Berndt opened a Special Meeting to discuss and receive an update from The Nature Conservancy (TNC) to discuss its plans.

The Board discussed concerns regarding no increase in PILT funding since 2009. Mo McBroom, TNC discussed water infrastructure discussions being held and questioned the Board on their awareness regarding the strategies in Olympia in seeking funding and what groups would be participating.

There was a brief discussion on the current land holdings that TNC has in Kittitas County.

The Board discussed an upcoming Special Meeting on September 17 with the Board and other key stakeholders. Commissioner Jewell stated that TNC has been included in the invite and felt it would be very beneficial for them to attend. Tom Bugert & Mo McBroom, TNC both expressed their excitement for the meeting and expressed their appreciation for the Board's involvement.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

**DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD**

**KITITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

  
Mandy Buchholz

  
Gary Berndt, Chairman

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