

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES  
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE ROOM  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**THURSDAY**

**8:00 A.M.**

**SEPTEMBER 30, 2010**

Board members present: Chairman Mark McClain; Vice-Chairman Paul Jewell and Commissioner Alan Crankovich.

Others: Mandy Robinson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor; Suzanne Becker, Deputy Prosecutor.

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**COMMITTEE UPDATES**

**COMMISSIONERS**

At 8:00 a.m. **Vice-Chairman Jewell** opened a special meeting to receive updates from Commissioner Jewell pertaining to three committee's he is presently involved. Commissioner Jewell explained that the three committees he was updating the Board on, were committees that he felt would have information that they should all be in the know about. He began with a update on the GSI Scope of work document. He indicated that Kevin Lindsey, the County's previous Hydrogeologist's contract had ended. He indicated that he had Ms. Becker review the contract and confirm this. Commissioner Jewell indicated that Ecology provides the money for the Hydrogeologist to serve as our representative when we have meetings with Ecology. Ms. Becker has reviewed the scope of work and at the direction of the Board will be drafting an amendment.

The second update Commissioner Jewell gave was regarding the USGS report. He indicated there has been plenty of talk in local news regarding this report however, there are some areas he wanted to clarify. He explained that there is un-measured water at Horlick (gauging station) in Thorp, Washington. He explained that when this water has been brought up and questioned as to why it was not measured, he was told it was because there was no impact. He indicated that for the time being it is unclear what Ecology will do with that information. Commissioner Jewell indicated that he has received phone calls regarding the sale of water. The Board showed to be split about this proposal. Commissioner Jewell felt it was crucial to keep water here, where Commissioner McClain didn't think that the County has the right to tell citizens that own their water rights whether or not they could sell water.

The last update from Commissioner Jewell was regarding the Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project (YRBWEP). He indicated that he has been attending the meetings with this group and wanted the Board to be up to date on the current discussions, etc. He indicated that Yakima & Benton County want our County to join with them as a single

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voice to YRBWEP regarding the Bumping Lake reservoir. He discussed the "white paper" that is being seen by current members on that committee. Commissioner Jewell indicated that he has expressed to Benton and Yakima County that Kittitas County will not be supporting their opposition to Bumping Lake. He will continue to attend the meetings to keep the Board up to date on the status.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 a.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

  
Mandy Robinson

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Mark McClain, Chairman