

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

WEDNESDAY

1:30 P.M.

FEBRUARY 16, 2011

Board members present: Chairman Paul Jewell, Vice-Chairman Alan Crankovich and Commissioner O'Brien.

Others: Catherine Dunn, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Craig Nevil, Wedbush Securities Inc and Mary Heib, Bio2Mass.

SPECIAL MEETING

BRIEF ON ECONOMICS AND ENERGY

COMMISSIONERS

At 1:30 p.m. **Chairman Jewell** opened the special meeting to have a discussion with Craig Nevil and Mary Heib on energy and economics.

Craig Nevil, Wedbush Securities Inc, said that energy consumption is going to get worse as China and other New World countries are increasing their use of gasoline and other energies. He said that prices will rise precipitously but people still need to be moved. It is time to look for solutions for this problem before families start moving away from the County.

Chairman Jewell asked what the tolerance level for fuel would be? **Mr. Nevil** said the answer to that is how fast the price rises and if it is slower, it is not as bad. He expressed concern that farmers markets and food cooperatives will suffer.

Commissioner O'Brien said most of these concerns are outside the scope of the County and would need private enterprise to become involved especially with the Quick Charge electric vehicle charging stations. **Mr. Nevil** said there is no coordination on these projects. There was a further discussion on charging stations.

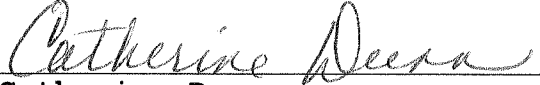
Mary Hieb said Chelan County has worked on biomass and she said it was important to join the Evergreen Timber Counties as there is grant money available to initiate projects.

Chairman Jewell said the County will be joining that group and he explained the Central Washington Resource Energy Collaborative (CWREC). A discussion followed on biomass.

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Meeting adjourned 2:10 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD


Catherine Dunn

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Paul Jewell, Chairman