BY-LAWS OF THE PUBLIC LANDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Vision

Public lands are a vital community resource. The vision of the Public Lands Advisory Committee is to create cooperative relationships with public lands managers to ensure that public lands in Kittitas County provide access for the public and are sustainably managed for multiple uses while providing opportunities for outdoor recreation and economic benefit to County residents.

Mission

Given that 72 % of the total land area of Kittitas County is managed by one or more government agencies, the mission of the Kittitas County Public Lands Advisory Committee is to support the Kittitas County Board of Commissioners in meeting its responsibility to County residents to ensure that those lands are managed for the economic and recreational benefit of the public. The committee will communicate concerns and make recommendations for action to the Board of County Commissioners to help ensure that public land managers consider and are responsive to the needs and interests of County citizens- those most directly affected.

ARTICLE I
Committee

Section 1.01. Composition of the Committee. The Committee shall consist of six to twelve voting members, and one member of the Board of County Commissioners.

Section 1.02. Committee Appointments and Terms. The committee will be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, and the Chair will be a member of the Board of County Commissioners. To ensure continuity, members shall be appointed for terms of three years in such a manner that the terms of one-third of the directors shall expire each year. For the purpose of determining Committee composition, the anniversary of a term shall be the First of January each year.

ARTICLE II
Officers and Committees

Section 2.01. Officers Designated. The officers of the Committee shall be a Chair and Vice Chair, and excepting the Chair, shall be elected by the Committee. Such other officers and assistant officers as may be deemed necessary may be elected or appointed by the Committee. In addition to the powers and duties specified below, the officers shall have such powers and perform such duties as the Committee may prescribe.

Section 2.02. Election and Term of Office. The Chair shall be a member of the Board of County Commissioners and shall be the permanent officer. The Vice Chair shall be elected by the Committee from among its members. The officers shall be elected by the Committee at the first regular meeting after the term of new or reappointed Committee members commences each year, for a one-year term, and each officer shall hold office during said one-year term and until his/her successor is elected.

Section 2.03. Powers and Duties.

a. Chair. The Chair shall preside at all meetings the Committee. The Chair may sign and execute, in the name of the Committee, all resolutions duly authorized by the Committee, and generally shall perform all duties incident to the office of Chair and such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to such office by the Committee.

b. Vice-Chair. At the request of the Chair, or in case of his/her absence or disability, the Vice-Chair shall perform all duties of the Chair and, when so acting, shall have all the powers of, and be subject to all restrictions upon the Chair. In addition, the Vice-Chair shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to that office by the Committee or the Chair.

Section 2.04. Vacancies. The Committee shall make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners to fill any committee position which becomes vacant with a successor who shall hold office for the unexpired term and until his/her successor shall have been duly appointed and qualified.

Section 2.05. Establishment of Sub-Committees. The Committee may designate from among its members one or more sub-committees to advise or perform other duties on behalf of the Committee, provided any final action shall require approval of the Committee. The designation of any such sub-committee and the delegation thereto of authority shall not operate to relieve any member of the Committee of any responsibility imposed by the Board of Commissioners. Non-Committee members may be appointed to a sub-committee with consent from the Committee. Sub –committees will only report to the full committee with specific response to the issue that it has been delegated by the full committee

ARTICLE III
Meetings

Section 3.01. Regular Committee Meetings. Regular meetings of the Public Lands Advisory Committee shall be held monthly (twelve meetings per year) provided however that the Committee may alter such regular meeting time and place.

Section 3.02. Special Committee Meetings. Special meetings of the Committee may be held at any place at any time whenever called by the Chair or a majority of the members of the Committee.

Section 3.03. It is the intent that the Committee will work to make recommendations to the Board of Commissioners based on consensus of its members whenever possible.

Section 3.04. Parliamentary Authority. The rules of Robert's Rules of Order (revised) shall govern the Authority in all cases to which they are applicable, where they are not inconsistent with the Charter or with the special rules of order of the Authority set forth in the By-laws.

ARTICLE IV
Amendments to By-laws

Section 4.01. Proposals to Amend By-laws.

1. Proposals to amend the By-laws shall be presented in a format which strikes over material to be deleted and underlines new material.
2. Any Committee member may introduce a proposed amendment to the By-laws (which may consist of new By-laws) at any regular meeting or at any special meeting of which fifteen (15) day's advance notice has been given.

Section 4.02. Committee Consideration of Proposed Amendments. If notice of a proposed amendment to the Bylaws, and information including the text of the proposed amendment and a statement of its purpose and effect, is provided to members of the Committee fifteen (15) days prior to any regular Committee meeting or any special meeting, then the Committee may vote on the proposed amendment at the same meeting as the one at which the amendment is introduced. If such notice and information is not so provided, the Committee may not vote on the proposed amendment until the next regular Committee meeting or special meeting of which fifteen (15) days advance notice has been given. Germane amendments to the proposed amending within the scope of the original amendment will be permitted at the meeting at which the vote is taken as provided in the Charter.

Section 4.03. Vote Required for Amendments to By-laws. Resolutions of the Committee approving proposed amendments to the By-laws require an affirmative vote of a 2/3 majority of the Committee members then in office.

Section 4.04. Effective Date. Amendments to the By-laws are effective ten days after filing of same with the Board of County Commissioners, unless such amendment(s) shall have been passed by unanimous vote of the Committee and an earlier effective date been set.

ARTICLE V

Administrative Provisions

Section 5.01. Indemnification of Committee Members. The Board of County Commissioners elects to defend and indemnify its present and former Committee members and officers and their successors, spouses and marital communities to the full extent authorized by law and the Charter. In addition, the right of indemnification shall inure to each Committee member or officer and his/her spouses and marital communities upon his/her appointment to the Committee and the event of his/her death shall extend to his/her heirs, legal representatives and estate. Each person who shall act as Committee member or officer of the Authority shall be deemed to do so in reliance upon such indemnification and such rights shall not be exclusive of any other right which he/she may have.

TERMS

Public Lands Advisory Committee
Terms (from minutes):

7.Term Limits (Began January 2015, per approved Bylaws, the one-third that will expire each year). The committee discussed the options of whose term will expire each year (The terms will rotate to the #1-4 positions, once the last positions (#9-12) expires). Each committee number were assigned position numbers and expiration of terms are as follows:

a. ***#1 Keith McGowan (Term Expires January 1, 2016)***
b. ***#2 Bill Essman (Term Expires January 1, 2016)***
c. ***#3 Richard Lowe (Term Expires January 1, 2016)***
d. ***#4 Dave Duncan (Term Expires January 1, 2016)***
e. ***#5 Sam Kayser (Term Expires January 1, 2017)***
f. ***#6 Craig Schnebly (Term Expires January 1, 2017)***
g. ***#7 Pico Cantieni (Term Expires January 1, 2017)***
h. ***#8 Jill Scheffer (Term Expires January 1, 2017)***
i. ***#9 Anita Boyum (Term Expires January 1, 2018)***
j. ***#10 Lonnie (Term Expires January 1, 2018)***
k. ***#11 Rory (Term Expires January 1, 2018)***
l. ***#12 Vacant (Term Expires January 1, 2018***