COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
STUDY SESSION

THURSDAY 11:00 A.M. OCTOBER 14, 2004

Those in attendance: Commissioners Max Golladay, Perry Huston, and Bruce Coe.

Others: Shannon Carlson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Kittitas County Planning Unit, Kyle Lynch from Senator Mulliken's Office.

STUDY SESSION WATERSHED AMENDMENTS PLANNING UNIT

At 11:00 A.M. a study session was held with the Kittitas County Planning Unit to discuss the watershed planning amendments.

Commissioner Golladay went over the email he had received from Phil Ness. Commissioner Huston explained the Planning Unit, its members and the watershed plan; he asked what the steering commission's position was.

Steve Rosbach, Planning Unit Member explained that the steering committee wanted counties to set up and implement their own plans. They would have one year to write the plan. Kevin Eslinger, explained his understanding of the issues. He also talked about the amendments and getting rid of the planning unit and restructuring the process if it is legal to do that. Commissioner Huston went over the County's responsibility in the process of the creation of an Implementation Plan and the amendments formalize the process. Commissioner Golladay expressed his concern was negotiation with the DOT on rule writing and if it wasn't manageable. He was also hesitant on giving in to the delegating the legislative authority. Commissioner Huston said that there needs to be an established, clear, formal process that other counties can adopt. Mr. Eslinger said that there is a fear of not getting money from the State if Kittitas County is not on board with the watershed plan. They went over the time frame to adopt or reject the plan and decide the process. The Planning Unit is to work on getting an extension for the amendments. The Board discussed other concerns and ideas that they had. The Planning Unit is to keep the Board updated as to their progress and any assistance they may need. The Commissioners expressed their gratitude to the Planning Unit for all their dedication and hard work.
At 11:45 A.M., the Study Session was adjourned.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

Shannon L. Carlson

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Perry D. Huston, Chair

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