Board members present: Chairman David Bowen; Vice-Chairman Alan Crankovich; Commissioner Perry Huston.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Anna Lael, Kittitas County Conservation District.

Anna Lael gave the Board an update on the Conservation District’s recent activities. She explained the Conservation District Board will be holding two public hearings next week at the Hal Holmes Center and at the Upper District Court to receive public comments on a proposed Special Assessment, which conservation districts are authorized under RCW 89.08.400. Their proposal is expected to raise approximately $120,000 through an assessment of $5.00 per parcel and between ½ cent and 10 cents per acre. She said the funds would support and expand Kittitas County Conservation District’s ability to work with private landowners who are managing the resources associated with their properties. The funds would implement their long range and annual plans. She said she had presented their proposal to various people within the County and she has received positive feedback. The City of Cle Elum is excited to participate because they have issues relating to development, Firewise and storm water. The City of Ellensburg has not yet reached a decision to opt in. She explained there was a deadline of August 1st that the Board of County Commissioners must receive their information.

The Board directed staff to set a special meeting for July 31, 2006 at 1:30 p.m. in the Permit Center to take delivery of their information and to set a public hearing.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.