COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE ROOM
SPECIAL MEETING

TUESDAY 11:30 A.M DECEMBER 16, 2008

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

Others: Catherine Dunn, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Greg Zempel, Prosecutor; Skip Swenson and Jill Arango, Cascade Land Conservancy.

SPECIAL MEETING CASCADE LAND CONSERVANCY TDR PROJECT COMMISSIONERS

CHAIRMAN McClain opened the meeting at 11:32 a.m. He explained that Cascade Land Conservancy had funds available for purchase of Development Rights but wanted the county to execute an agreement for certification of the development rights proposed. GREG ZEMPEL, PROSECUTOR expressed concerns with the agreement including lack of conservation goals, public benefits are not defined, a lack of parameters for qualification and kind of development rights explained.

SKIP SWENSON, CASCADE LAND CONSERVANCY, explained they had two properties that their funding source had approved. In one case, it involved 480 acres to do a demonstration project. They saw it as a low risk for the county but they wanted some sort of guarantee that the property would be certified as qualifying for the Transfer of Development Rights.

JILL ARANGO, CASCADE LAND CONSERVANCY, said that they anticipated having to hold the rights for a number of years until the market was better.

COMMISSIONER JEWELL said that they were under no obligation with this agreement.

GREG ZEMPEL outlined some areas of the agreement that he would like changed or improved. SKIP SWENSON agreed to make the changes and email them to Mr. Zempel.
VICE-CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH moved to continue the meeting to December 22, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium for consideration of the memorandum of agreement. COMMISSIONER JEWELL seconded the motion. Motion carried, 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:10 p.m.

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Catherine Dunn                  Mark McClain, Chairman