

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITTTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE ROOM**

MONDAY

2:30 P.M.

APRIL 6, 2009

Board members present: Chairman Alan Crankovich; Vice-Chairman Paul Jewell; Commissioner Mark McClain.

Others: Mandy Robinson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Kirk Holmes, Director of Public Works/Interim Director of Community Development Services; Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor and two members of the public.

SPECIAL MEETING

DESERT CLAIM

COMMISSIONERS

At approximately 2:39 p.m. Chairman Crankovich opened a Special Meeting to hold discussion on the Desert Claim Wind Power Project and to discuss whether or not to file for intervening status.

Deputy Prosecutor, Neil Caulkins reviewed the history of the County's stance and relationship with the Desert Claim project. He indicated that recently the County received notice that EFSEC had announced an open invitation to intervening status. He indicated that he was here today to find out if the Commissioners wanted to seek it. He indicated that he would advise as affirmative because he felt we had a stake in the matter and in the terms of the agreement. He felt the County had a place at the table and that we would benefit by seeking intervening status.

Commissioner McClain stated he also felt the County had a vested interest in the matter and that we should be at the table for decisions regarding land in Kittitas County.

Chairman Crankovich expressed his feelings of how important it is to have a County representative at the table.

Commissioner Jewell questioned process if we filed for intervening status.

Commissioner McClain questioned if EFSEC's process allows for them to send the project back to the County for consideration and or contemplation.

Deputy Prosecutor, Neil Caulkins indicated that his initial response to that would be they could not send it back to the County. He reviewed how EFSEC has amended its WAC's and changed its local representation and regulations. He indicated we never rejected the project.

Commissioner McClain moved to direct staff to file intervening status in the Desert Claim Wind Power Project. Commissioner Jewell seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:50 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Mandy Robinson

Alan Crankovich, Chairman