

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

WEDNESDAY

2:00 P.M.

MAY 6, 2009

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

Others present: Mandy Robinson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Anna Lael, District Manager for Kittitas County Conservation District; Mark Moore, Chair of the Kittitas County Conservation District.

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At approximately 2:00 p.m. Chairman Crankovich opened a special meeting to receive District updates from Anna Lael, Conservation District Manager for Kittitas County.

Ms. Lael apologized for the meeting being later in the year than normal. She provided copies of the Kittitas County Special Assessment 2008 Activities. She reviewed the packet and explained what the PAM Cost Share Program is for Commissioner Jewell. She indicated it is done through the Conservation District and she provided a special assessment sheet with the last ten years worth of breakdown on what has been allocated out. She explained that the allocation is set by RCW and its currently \$5.00 per parcel and 10 cents per acre. She explained that it is based on weed district boundaries and the County approves the assessment. She indicated that we are going on our 3rd year and the schedule is set to be re-evaluated every ten years.

Ms. Lael discussed some different cost figures and financing options for the new building that the District is wanting to build. She indicated that they have been working on the project for the past two years.

Ms. Lael indicated that they anticipate construction to begin for Jack and Indian Creek projects by July 15, 2009. She indicated that since they went in to great detail about the project at the Farmland Preservation tour on May 5th, 2009 she was not going to go into it too much unless the Board wanted her to.

Ms. Lael explained that they have a GIS Specialist on staff by the name of Suzanne Wade and she would be able to make any maps if the County needs them. Anna indicated that she had received a call from a citizen wanting to know why the Conservation District is not more involved with the County Community Development Services land use decisions, and she wanted the Board to know about the call.

Mark Moore, thanked the Board for the great relationship and support the County has maintained with the Conservation District for the past eleven years and expressed his hope to continue it.

Commissioner Jewell asked to be invited to any on-site job inspections when its convenient for the District to get him out there so he can see how the projects are done.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Mandy Robinson

Alan Crankovich, Chairman