

COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES  
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
COMMISSIONERS AUDITORIUM  
SPECIAL MEETING

FRIDAY

2:30 P.M.

FEBRUARY 4, 2011

Board members present: Chairman Paul Jewell, Vice-Chairman Alan Crankovich and Commissioner O'Brien.

Others: Catherine Dunn, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Suzanne Becker, Deputy Prosecutor; James Rivard, Interim Public Health Administrator; Kirk Holmes, Director of Public Works and Interim Director of Community Development Services.

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**SPECIAL MEETING**

**BRIEF ON DOE MEETINGS**

**COMMISSIONERS**

At 2:35 p.m. **Chairman Jewell** opened the special meeting to have a discussion updating the other members of the Board on a meeting with Ted Sturdevant, Director, Department of Ecology. He gave the Board a sheet of proposals and a flow chart outlining a new system for exempt wells with five options he expected to discuss at his next meeting.

**Vice-Chairman Crankovich** asked about wells drilled but not used yet. **Chairman Jewell** said it would be the same as not having an existing well.

**Vice-Chairman Crankovich** asked if it included increasing the number of users in a group system. **Suzanne Becker, Deputy Prosecutor** said that after July 1, 2014 a Group B well would need to have water budget neutrality to increase in connections. **Chairman Jewell** said that Group B Wells that are already hooked up will have five years before relinquishment takes effect. He said Group B wells will be limited to 5,000 gallons per day and need to be put to beneficial use as does individual wells. He suggested trying to convince DOE to change the number of years from five to fifteen before relinquishment. **Vice-Chairman Crankovich** Group B wells are limited to 5000 gallons per day. Once a connection is put to beneficial use, the remaining approved hookups should not be required to show beneficial use in the same manner as individual wells.

**Chairman Jewell** asked about extending the deadline from five years to fifteen years. **Vice-Chairman Crankovich** agreed.

There was a discussion on the number of hook-ups on Group B wells. **James Rivard** will work on getting this information and how many connections that have not been attached.

**Chairman Jewell** showed the others a flow chart he had been developing for the applicants showing everyone has an option. He said he will propose to the Department of Ecology the flow chart and propose the amendment from 5 years to 15 years. He said that Ted Sturdevant was extremely positive.

There was continued discussion on the proposals and their possible effects.

**Cistern Code Discussion**

**Chairman Jewell** said he had met with the City of Ellensburg and Suzanne Becker is working on their questions. He said they will be discussing it with lenders and with Matt Morton, City of Cle Elum.

The meeting was adjourned 3:55.

**DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD**

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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Catherine Dunn

  
Paul Jewell, Chairman