

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

**THURSDAY**

**11:00 A.M.**

**JUNE 14, 2012**

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

Others: Mandy Robinson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Cattlemen's Association members: Dave Duncan, John Eaton, Jack Field and two members of the public.

---

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**WOLF MANAGEMENT**

**COMMISSIONERS**

At 11:20 a.m. Chairman Crankovich opened a Special Meeting to hear updates and a report from local Cattlemen Association members with regard to wolf management.

Jack Field, Vice-President Washington Cattlemen's Association reviewed the importance of Kittitas County's role in wolf management. He explained the areas of concern and what options were available as solutions. He explained that in his interactions with other Counties he has been encouraged to work with local Government and the County Sheriff. He explained how the State is separated out and who is responsible for managing those divisions. He discussed how other Counties are dealing with economic loss and the cost recovery process. He encouraged the Board to require reports quarterly on the packs throughout the County and State.

Dave Duncan, Cattlemen's Association member reviewed the research he and Mr. Field have compiled and discussed his experiences testifying. Mr. Field reviewed the endangered species list and the process for animals being added or removed from the list. He outlined how this concern of wolf packs has evolved over time and how they have migrated. He indicated that it is the Cattlemen's Association goal to aid the County in making educated decisions as they want to prevent loss to the cattle farmers businesses. Mr. Field stated that the first step is to have a clear management plan in place. He stated that there are a lot of safety concerns with regard to the wolf packs and the management plan should help address those concerns as well. He stated that there should be an invitation coming from Walla Walla County and the Cattlemen's Association for a wolf management information meeting on July 10, 2012 in Walla Walla, Washington that he hoped Kittitas County could be present for. He reviewed the current supporters and advocates the association has supporting the

work being done and encouraged the Board to find out if Kittitas County was a "Coordinating County/Entity".

Commissioner Jewell stated that he would like time to familiarize himself better and learn more on these issues but was supportive of what work they were doing and fully intends to keep up with this topic.

Both Chairman Crankovich and Commissioner Jewell indicated that they intended to attend the meeting on July 10, 2012 in Walla Walla County, and thanked the Association for the updates.

Meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

**DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mandy Robinson

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Alan Crankovich, Chairman