Board members present: Vice-Chairman Paul Jewell, Commissioner Gary Berndt. Absent: Chairman Obie O'Brien.

Others: Mandy Robinson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Anna Lael, District Manager KCCD; Mark Moore, Conservation Dist. Board member; Kirk Holmes, Public Works Director.

At 11:10 a.m. Vice-Chairman Jewell opened a Special Meeting to receive an annual report from the Kittitas County Conservation District (KCCD).

Anna Lael, Conservation District Manager presented the Board with an agenda. She provided a brief summary of the KCCD functions and a PAM Cost Share Program summary from 1999 - 2012. She explained that it is funded by Kittitas County Public Works, Washington Conservation Commission, and the KCCD Special Assessment. She presented the Board with a 2012 DRAFT Assessment report; 2012 Special Assessment Income and Expenditures; 2012 Special Assessment Activities and leveraging of additional funds. She explained that each year the District leverages additional resources with the Special Assessment Funds. She explained that in 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, matching funds and resources totaled $1,095,994 and in 2012, matching funds and resources increased significantly totaling $1,122,555 and exceeded the cumulative total of the previous 4 years. She noted there was a table of the 2012 expended funds and those funds secured for the following years are detailed within the table provided in the DRAFT Special Assessment. Ms. Lael presented the Board an Agreement for Services that they consider annually. Commissioner Jewell recommended changing the language to include “A one year agreement renewed annually unless the County determines otherwise”. He encouraged Staff to have the updated language reviewed by the Prosecutor’s office and then bring it before the Board for their consideration. She reviewed with the Board a 2012 KCCD Activities map that highlights where the projects for the year 2012 are located. She outlined services that the District has provided to landowners over the past year.

Ms. Lael shared with the Board that she had been invited to participate in the Shoreline Master Plan (SMP) Program and updated the Board on projects from the 2009 and 2011 flood events. She discussed with the Board the future of the (KCCD) location and
explained that they were in discussions about what to do whether they want to sign another lease or re-locate and if they re-locate where that could house everyone, as they would like to stay together. Commissioner Jewell proposed the (KCCD) consider relocating to the current County Fair office because they will eventually move to the Armory and at that time the (KCCD) could move in. She updated the Board on the Flood Control Zone project updates. Commissioner Jewell stated that he would like to see more progress but that things are progressing nicely.

The meeting adjourned at 12:13 p.m.