

KITTITAS COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE ROOM
SPECIAL MEETING

TUESDAY

8:00 A.M.

OCTOBER 08, 2013

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

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Greg Zempel, Prosecutor; Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor; Bill Clarke & Peter Dykstra, Attorney's.

SPECIAL MEETING DYKSTRA-CLARKE PROPOSAL COMMISSIONERS

At 8:05 a.m. Chairman O'Brien opened a Special Meeting to meet with Bill Clarke & Peter Dykstra regarding a proposal for outside counsel services regarding Kittitas County water resource issues.

Commissioner Jewell explained that the Board had previously met on September 23, 2013 in a Special Meeting to discuss the proposal the Board received from Mr. Dykstra and Mr. Clarke to aide Kittitas County regarding the County water resource issues. He stated that at the end of the meeting the Board and County staff had some additional questions for Mr. Dykstra and Mr. Clarke. At that time staff was directed to set up a Special Meeting to allow them to meet with Mr. Clarke and Mr. Dykstra and ask the questions that they were left with. The meeting was an opportunity to ask questions and hopefully get the answers the Board was looking for. Commissioner Jewell briefly reviewed the previous meeting highlights for Mr. Clarke and Mr. Dykstra to bring them up to speed and then opened the meeting for roundtable questions and answers between staff and Mr. Clarke and Mr. Dykstra.

The Board asked questions and held discussion regarding concerns for the quoted 6 month time frame; how often they anticipated meeting with the County and what would constitute a meeting with the County. Commissioner Jewell questioned what the water acquisition piece would look like in the plan and asked Mr. Clarke and Mr. Dykstra what they can do that the County can't do or isn't doing already. He questioned if Mr. Clarke and Mr. Dykstra have previously set up a water bank for a municipality.

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He stated that the County has a direction in mind however Deputy Caulkins has advised the Board not to discuss it at this time.

The Board discussed the options they have and the pro's and con's to both. Commissioner Jewell outlined the Boards requests stating that they would like to see a revised proposal to include today's discussion as well as noting that the 6 month timeframe is for the first assessment and what that should look like and to address Mr. Clarke and Mr. Dykstra willingness and plan to work with the County Prosecutor staff.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD


Mandy Buchholz

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Chairman Obie O'Brien