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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor; Doc Hansen, Planning Official/Interim Planning Director and approximately 20 members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL - McDonald CUP CDS

At 3:30 p.m. CHAIRMAN BERNDT opened an Appeal Hearing continued from August 11, 2015, to consider an administrative appeal of the issuance of a SEPA Mitigated Determination of Non-Significance for the McDonald Conditional Use Permit (CU-14-00005). It was noted the record was closed and the Board had previously made a determination to deny the appeal of the SEPA Mitigated Determination of Non-Significance.

The Board discussed and deliberated on matters relating to the issues raised in the appeal including vesting; water rights and the requirements for water supply; the applicant’s license obtained by the Washington State Liquor & Cannabis Board; location and use criteria needed for marijuana production or processing and relevant developmental standards.

COMMISSIONER JEWELL moved to affirm the appeal filed on the McDonald Administrative Conditional Use Permit CU-14-00005; remand it back to Kittitas County Community Development Services for further processing specific to the findings of inadequacy related to SEPA Conditions I and VIII; the criteria in Kittitas County Code 17.60A.015(3), 13.35 and 17.15.057.1; and Ordinance No. 2014-004; and direct Staff to prepare enabling documents. CHAIRMAN BERNDT seconded.

COMMISSIONER JEWELL explained the reasons why he felt the CUP did not meet the criteria requirements. COMMISSIONER O’BRIEN said he had spent a long time learning and reviewing the documents and how he looks to their departments for their expertise. He was also concerned about the domestic water as well. CHAIRMAN BERNDT felt the issue has been difficult to sort out from the beginning and the issues could have been covered earlier if there had been a better job of reviewing the application.
Motion carried 2-1 (COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN voted against the motion to affirm the appeal).

Meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

JULIE KJORSVIK

KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

GARY BERNDT, CHAIRMAN