

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITTTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONER'S AUDITORIUM
SPECIAL MEETING**

MONDAY

2:00 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 17, 2018

Board members present: Chairman Laura Osiadacz and Commissioner Cory Wright. Excused: Obie O'Brien.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Lisa Young, Human Resource Director/Interim Event Center Director; Clay Myers, Undersheriff/Interim Fire Marshal; Rich Elliott, Kittitas Valley Fire & Rescue; Dan Carlson, CDS Director; Chris Martin, Roslyn Fire Department; Reece Lolley, Director of The Nature Conservancy; Rose Shriner, Kittitas County Conservation District and 2 other members of the public.

SPECIAL MEETING

EXEMPTION FROM BURN BAN - TREX

COMMISSIONERS

At 2:00 p.m. Chairman Osiadacz opened a Special Meeting to review a request from Kara Karboski, WRCD, TREX Coordinator for an exception to the burn ban issued by Kittitas County to meet the training objectives of the TREX program and increase opportunities for live-fire training during the last week of September.

Kara Karboski, WRCD, TREX Coordinator provided information on their upcoming training which is part of the Cascadia Prescribed Fire Training Exchange and hosted out of Cle Elum. The request had also been made by the Washington Department of Natural Resources. She said the burns would be staffed by qualified fire personnel operating under the National Wildfire Coordinating Group standards and managed by The Nature Conservancy or the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife with an approved burn plan and implemented with qualified Staff from various federal and local agencies. Reece Lolley, Director of Nature Conservancy provided information on the proposed TREX program and described their outreach efforts with local agencies and plans. He said they were open to suggestions on how to better communicate with the public.

Rich Elliot, KVFR said they were in support of exempting prescribed burning from the burn ban as long as they have a plan in place. He suggested contacting the adjacent Fire Districts to advise them on how much they'd like to participate and if they would be willing to assist with public outreach. He said training opportunities are invaluable. Chris Martin, Roslyn Fire Department said it was an important training and provided a flyer for the Boards review. Clay Myers, Undersheriff said he had just received the plan approximately

30 minutes ago and felt there should be a lot more notice provided ahead of time.

Mr. Lolley explained how the burn plan has a prescription and the permit issued from the Department of Natural Resources require that they adhere to the prescription.

The discussion of the Internal Fire Marshal structural options was tabled until Commissioner O'Brien was available to attend a meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD


Julie Kjørsvik

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Laura Osiadacz, Chairman