

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONERS AUDITORIUM
SPECIAL MEETING**

TUESDAY

6:00 P.M.

APRIL 16, 2019

Board members present: Chairman Cory Wright; Vice-Chairman Brett Wachsmith; and Commissioner Laura Osiadacz.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Dan Carlson, CDS Director; Lindsey Ozbolt, Planning Official; Chelsea Benner, Planner I; Jeremy Johnston, Planner I; Dusty Pilkington, Planner 1; and approximately 7 members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING

SOLAR OVERLAY ZONE 3

CDS

At 6:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN WRIGHT** opened a Public Hearing to consider the adoption of Solar Overlay Zone 3 in Kittitas County Code 17.61C Solar Power Production Facilities regulations and associated amendment to the Solar Overlay Map.

LINDSEY OZBOLT, PLANNING OFFICIAL provided a power-point presentation which included the background, proposed amendments, public notice, environmental review, public comments, and consistency with the Comprehensive Plan. She recommended approval of the proposed amendments of Solar Overlay Zone 3 to the Solar Power Production Facilities development regulations and the SPPF Overlay Map. **DAN CARLSON, CDS DIRECTOR** provided the Board with information on how experts from the solar industry were brought in so they could obtain information on various issues such as substation limitations, etc.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: JIM NELSON provided support of solar production outside of agriculture lands, as well as in Zone 3. He asked the Board to clarify the Ordinance siting land outside of irrigation district boundaries. **AUDREY COPELAND** said she worked for a solar developer and provided information from their perspective and urged the Board to allow for making cases around irrigation to assist with solar projects. **JEFF DUNNING, MEMBER OF THE SOLAR ADVISORY COMMITTEE** said there had been changes since their last meeting and how there was conflicting information with Growth Management Act. He encouraged the Board to carefully consider the proposed overlay language. **MARLENE PFEIFER** said she was concerned with Zone 3 because there was no limit with land and the amount of megawatts, which she felt could potentially be burdensome. **THERE BEING NO OTHERS REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

The Board asked questions of Staff and deliberated.

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COMMISSIONER OSIADACZ moved to approve the Planning Commission recommendations relating to Zone 3, add language to include 7 megawatts being the maximum allowable before triggering the Conditional Use Permit process and to direct Staff to prepare enabling documents. **COMMISSIONER WACHSMITH** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD



Julie Kjorsvik

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Cory Wright, Chairman