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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board and Mike Livingston, Southcentral Regional Director for the Washington Department Fish & Wildlife.

SPECIAL MEETING WDFW UPDATE COMMISSIONERS

Mr. Livingston provided a handout entitled “Wolves in Washington”. It provided information the status of wolves and upcoming WDFW actions. He reviewed the wolf packs; pack territories; the minimum known number of wolves in Washington State; federal classification and listing status of wolves. They hoped to be able to provide accurate information to the public in addition to all of the information that’s available on their website. On May 1st they will begin a feasibility study to move wolves within the State in hopes to excel recovery by end of the year. They will be holding 14 public scoping meetings within the State and the one in Selah will be held on June 6th. The post-delisting Management Plan is scheduled to begin July 1, 2019 and should be prepared for the State delisting by October 31, 2021. Mr. Livingston said they could provide more technical presentations if the Board would like in the future and to just let him know if it’s something they’d like to do.

The Board thanked Mr. Livingston for his informative overview about the wolves in Washington.

OTHER BUSINESS: Mr. Dave Chase expressed concerns about no public restrooms being available at the Permit Center. He said he’s been conducting business there for over five years, and if someone needs to use the restroom the employees direct the public to walk across the street to Safeway and use their bathrooms. The Board thanked Mr. Chase for bringing his concerns to their attention.
Meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

Julie Kjorsvik

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Cory Wright, Chairman