

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE ROOM
SPECIAL MEETING**

MONDAY

10:00 A.M.

JULY 8, 2019

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

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board II; Darcy Batura, Forest Partnerships Manager at The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and one member of the public (Gary Berndt).

SPECIAL MEETING COMMUNITY FOREST OWNERSHIP COMMISSIONERS

At 10:00 a.m. Chairman Wright opened a Special Meeting with Darcy Batura, TNC, to receive a Presentation on the Potential Community Forest ownership of Central Cascade Forest Land.

Darcy Batura, Forest Partnerships Manager TNC gave an overview of the Community Forest Ownership; and Community Forest Model as well as the 3 trips the TNC and interested stakeholders went on in Montana, Hood River Oregon and New Hampshire/Vermont/Maine. She briefly reviewed what it means to have a Community Forest as well as the timelines for the various proposed ideas they have developed.

There was roundtable discussion and the Board was very clear in that the community has to be in support of the proposal for them to also be in support.

Commissioner Osiadacz stated that she would work on a letter of support for the Board to consider on an upcoming agenda. She stated that their letter of support will only be that they support the concept at this point.

The meeting was adjourned 10:40 a.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

**KITITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Mandy Buchholz


Cory Wright, Chairman

APPROVED
8/6/19