

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

MONDAY

3:30 P.M

DECEMBER 14, 2020

Board members present: Chairman Brett Wachsmith & Vice-Chairman Laura Osiadacz. Excused Commissioner Cory Wright.

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board II; Patti Johnson, Solid Waste Director/Project Manager/Interim Maintenance Director; Suzanne Noble & April Sheeley: Presenters with the Ellensburg Glass Recycling Cooperative Venture (EGRCV); and 8 members of the public.

SPECIAL MEETING

GLASS RECYCLING PRESENTATION COMMISSIONERS

At 3:30 p.m. Chairman Wachsmith opened a Special Meeting to receive a presentation from Suzanne Noble and April Sheeley.

Ms. Noble & Ms. Sheeley stated that they created the cooperative due to an out-cry from residents wanting glass recycling back in the County. They discussed how the glass can be ground down to sand that can be used by the Public Works Department for winter traction (as other municipalities are doing), playgrounds, back-fill, beach sand, pipe underlay and general landscaping. Additionally, if they got their product certified & if they can procure state of the art glass crushing technology, they could also market it to be used for potting soil and sandbags. She discussed the work they are doing to obtain funding to get the crusher. She stated that they would like the Board's help in bringing this to the County and begin the feasibility study. She stated she believes this is the wave of the future. She reviewed areas in the County that would work as a host for the facility as well as funding opportunities they could take advantage of. She applauded Patti Johnson's efforts with multi-stream recycling. April Sheeley discussed a pilot project they are working on for glass recycling for polarized glass that can be given away, as well as the tracking they will be doing and reviewed how this ties into House Bill 1543. She stated only clean glass will be accepted and they would like a work-group created. Patti Johnson, Solid Waste Director/Project Manager/Interim Maintenance Director reviewed what they are already working on and stated she is excited to hear more from Ms. Noble. Commissioner Wachsmith questioned if this Work-Group Ms. Noble & Ms. Sheeley requested would be a sub-group of the County's Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC). Ms. Johnson agreed that it would.

They thanked the Board for their time today and stated they are looking forward to future opportunities in working with them.

Meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD II


Mandy Buchholz

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Brett Wachsmith, Chairman