

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

TUESDAY

2:00 P.M.

JUNE 1, 2021

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

Others via Webex: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Mark Cook, Public Works Director; Taylor Crouch, Administrative Assistant; and Arden Thomas, WRP Manager and 1 member of the public.

This meeting was provided to the public via Webex and they were previously notified on the Agenda as to where they could access and provide public comments.

PUBLIC HEARING

THE RANCH ON SWAUK CREEK

PUBLIC WORKS

At 2:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH** opened a Public Hearing to consider an Irrigation Franchise with The Ranch on Swauk Creek on Burke and Ranch Road(s).

MARK COOK, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR reviewed a Staff Report and said The Ranch on Swauk Creek applied for an Irrigation Franchise along Burke Road and Ranch Road to improve irrigation delivery in the area. He said they have partnered with the Kittitas County Conservation District and Staff has reviewed the engineer plans. Following approval, a work in the right-of-way permit will be required for the proposed work.

THERE BEING NO ONE REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.

AGREEMENT IRRIGATION FRANCHISE-RANCH ON SWAUK CREEK PUBLIC WORKS

VICE-CHAIRMAN OSIADACZ moved to approve a Non-Exclusive Irrigation Water Franchise to Use County Roads, Rights-of-Way and Other County Property within Kittitas County, between The Ranch on Swauk Creek, LLC and Kittitas County. **COMMISSIONER WRIGHT** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY

PUBLIC WORKS

ARDEN THOMAS, WRP MANAGER reviewed a Staff Report and explained how Kittitas County entered into an agreement with the Trust for Public Land for the purchase of real property (land and water rights). The acquisition would secure approximately 226.11 acres of land and two associated senior water rights. He said in addition Kittitas County

entered into a separate agreement with the current owners of the property to memorialize post-closing actions that were a condition of sale: construction of a fence and a flood alleviation berm. **MARK COOK, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR** explained how Arden Thomas and others were instrumental in the project. **ANN WELZ, TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND** spoke in favor of the purchase and thanked the County for their partnership.

THERE BEING NO ONE REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.

RESOLUTION 2021-083 PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY PUBLIC WORKS

VICE-CHAIRMAN OSIADACZ moved to approve Resolution No. 2021-083, Ratifying the Purchase and Sale Agreement and Post Closing Actions and Improvements Agreement and Authorizing Chairman signature on Closing Documents. **COMMISSIONER WRIGHT** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.


Meeting adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD



Julie Kjorsvik

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Brett Wachsmith, Chairman