COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
AUDITORIUM
SPECIAL MEETING

TUESDAY **2:00 P.M.** **SEPTEMBER 15, 2026**

Board members present: Chairman Brett Wachsmith; Vice-Chairman Laura Osiadacz; Commissioner Jeff Leichleiter.

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Office Administrator; Jodi Larsen, Office Administrator; Public Works Director, Josh Fredrickson; Community Development Services Director, Chad Bala; Planner II, Jeremy Johnston; Public Health Administrator, Chelsey Loeffers; Environmental Health Manager, Melissa Schumaier; Deputy Public Health Director, Erin Moore; and 4 members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING KITTITAS COUNTY CONSERVATION DIST. RATE RENEWAL BOCC

At 2:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH** opened a Public Hearing to review the Kittitas County Conservation District's renewal of the system of rates and charges.

MANDY BUCHHOLZ, BOCC OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR on behalf of the **PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE** requested the Public Hearing be continued with open record until, October 6, 2026, at 2:00 p.m., to allow sufficient time for legal review.

VICE-CHAIRMAN OSIADACZ moved to continue the Public Hearing until 2:00 p.m. October 6th, 2026, noting the record to remain open**COMMISSIONER LEICHLEITER** seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING CWU LEASE FOR PROPERTY AT BOWERS FIELD PUBLIC WORKS

At 2:02 p.m. **CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH** opened a Public Hearing to consider a land use agreement with Central Washington University at Bowers field.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOSH FREDRICKSON requested the Public Hearing be continued with open record, until October 6, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. He said at this time not all of the parties have had the opportunity to fully review the contract terms and agreements.

VICE-CHAIRMAN OSIADACZ moved to continue the Public Hearing until October 6, 2026, at 2:00 p.m., noting the record is to remain open. **COMMISSIONER LEICHLEITER** seconded. Motion passed 3-0

PUBLIC HEARING **DATA CENTER MORATORIUM EXTENSION** **CDS**

At 2:03 p.m. **CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH** opened a Public Hearing to consider a 6-month extension on the Data Center Moratorium.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR CHAD BALA requested that the Board consider a Resolution extending the six-month emergency moratorium on data centers, originally imposed on August 15, 2026, for an additional six months. **DIRECTOR BALA** stated that Community Development Services staff continue to expand their knowledge of data centers by attending conferences and training opportunities and visiting comparable counties with existing data center developments. He explained that the extension would provide staff with additional time to thoroughly evaluate the issue and develop recommendations that serve the best interests of the County and all affected parties.

THOSE REQUESTING TO TESTIFY:
COMMUNITY MEMBER MILT JOHNSON testified that he has no preference either way, but he hopes the County will really investigate the pros and cons of Data Centers. What can they bring to the County and what that impact might be. He also encouraged CDS Staff to research what some of the other Counties have done and what challenges they have faced.

THERE BEING NO OTHERS REQUESTING TO TESTIFY THE PUBLIC COMMENT WAS CLOSED.

RESOLUTION 2026-15 EXTENDING THE MORATORIUM ON DATA CENTERS CDS

VICE-CHAIRMAN OSIADACZ moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-150, extending the Data Center Moratorium for an additional 6 months to allow staff further training and research opportunities. **COMMISSIONER LEICHLEITER** seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

The meeting concluded at 2:09 p.m.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Jodi Larsen

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Brett Wachsmith, Chairman