

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

WEDNESDAY

3:00 P.M.

FEBRUARY 24, 2016

Board members present: Vice-Chairman Paul Jewell & Commissioner Gary Berndt. Absent: Chairman Obie O'Brien.

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor Greg Zempel, Prosecutor; Peter Dykstra, Special Deputy Prosecutor for Kittitas County; Robin Raap, Administrative Assistant and Craig and Nancy Schnebly.

SPECIAL MEETING

WATER RIGHT AGREEMENT

COMMISSIONERS

At 3:00 p.m. Vice-Chairman Jewell opened a Special Meeting to consider a Water Right Purchase and Sale Agreement with Craig & Nancy Schnebly.

Vice-Chairman Jewell presented the Board with a Water Right Purchase & Sale Agreement with Craig & Nancy Schnebly. He explained the attached Exhibits and noted that there is no longer an Exhibit E.

AGREEMENT

CRAIG/NANCY SCHNEBLY

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Berndt moved to approve and authorize Vice-Chairman's signature on Water Right Purchase & Sale Agreement for the purchase price of the 1886 Water Right and the County's portion of the 1871 Water Right is Four Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Two Dollars and Forty Five Cents (\$4,632.45) per acre-foot of consumptive water use approved by the Washington Department of Ecology for transfer to the Trust Water Right Program for mitigation of groundwater use in Kittitas County, less the Earnest Money Deposit then held by the Closing Agent and any interest earned thereon as presented. Noting that the Sellers obligation to sell and Buyers obligation to purchase is contingent upon the provisions of the Agreement; and based on the calculation of at least 2.76 AF/acre of consumptive use and will result in approximately 582.844 AF/year of consumptive use for transfer into the Trust Water Right Program for mitigation of groundwater use in Kittitas County. Vice-Chairman Jewell seconded. Vice-Chairman Jewell and Commissioner Berndt both expressed their appreciation to the Schneblys for assisting the County with this extremely important part of the County's history. Motion carried 2-0.

VOUCHER

WARRANT - #8810299345

AUDITOR

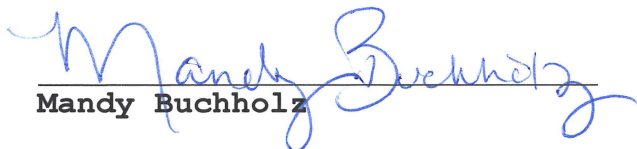
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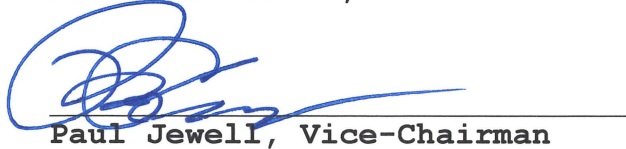
Commissioner Berndt moved to approve and authorize Board signature on warrant #8810299345 in the amount of \$10,000.00 Earnest Money to open an escrow account for the Schnebly Water Bank Agreement. Vice-Chairman Jewell seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD


Mandy Buchholz

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Paul Jewell, Vice-Chairman