

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

TUESDAY

3:00 P.M.

MAY 1, 2018

Board members present: Chairman Laura Osiadacz; Vice-Chairman Obie O'Brien; and Commissioner Paul Jewell.

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board II; Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor; Dan Carlson, CDS Director; Lindsey Ozbolt, Planning Official; Mark Larson, Health Officer; Kelsey Collins, Statewide Trust Water Coordinator-DOE; Pat Deneen, interested party and 6 members of the public.

SPECIAL MEETING

CONSUMPTIVE USE PROGRAM

COMMISSIONERS

At 3:00 p.m. Chairman Laura Osiadacz opened a Special Meeting to receive an update and hold a discussion on a potential Consumptive Use Pilot program.

Commissioner Jewell gave a brief overview of the specifics of the proposed project that he, County Staff, Mr. Deneen and Ecology have been working on and provided handouts.

Pat Deneen, reviewed the concept of the proposed project, through the Consumptive Use Elimination Pilot program diagram and maps provided.

Commissioner Jewell reviewed how the County could protect its interest and how the benefits far outweigh the risk, noting that the County would obtain very beneficial information and the cost would be split between Mr. Deneen and the County through a negotiated Agreement drawn up by the County Prosecutor and then Aspect Consulting would do the work for approximately \$21,000.00 (split in two).

Kelsey Collins, Statewide Trust Water Coordinator stated that she needs the science to be completed in order to publicly support the idea. She stated that there are still a lot of questions and her Staff only has an application from Mr. Deneen for 4 homes so until they have an official application to consider they can't formally comment.

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Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor stated that if the project moves forward he is interested in seeing the outcome of the Water Transfer Work Group (WTWG).

Commissioner Jewell was directed to bring forward a Contract with Aspect Consulting for the Board to consider at a later date. Both Chairman Osiadacz and Commissioner O'Brien expressed their support & excitement for the project.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD


Mandy Buchholz

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Laura Osiadacz, Chairman