

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

**MONDAY**

**6:00 P.M.**

**SEPTEMBER 10, 2018**

Board members present: Chairman Laura Osiadacz and Vice-Chairman Obie O'Brien and Commissioner Cory Wright.

Others: Lindsey Ozbolt, Planning Official; Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor; Dusty Pilkington, Staff Planner; Dan Carlson, CDS Director and approximately 20 members of the public.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**SOLAR POWER PRODUCTION FACILITIES**

**CDS**

At 6:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN OSIADACZ** opened a Public Hearing to consider amendments to Kittitas County Code including the Adoption of Solar Power Production Facilities Development Regulations and Overlay Map.

**DAN CARLSON, CDS DIRECTOR** provided a Staff Report and reviewed the background; authority and public notice; Comprehensive Plan; Environmental Review; Agency and Public Comments; and Analysis and Recommendations. He said the proposed regulations for siting of a Solar Power Production Facilities would include adoption of a Solar Power Production Facilities Overlay Map. The regulations would include two solar overlay zones, permitting requirements, submittal requirements, procedures, development standards, review criteria, and abandonment and decommissioning requirements. The Board asked questions of Staff and for clarification. **LINDSEY OZBOLT, STAFF PLANNER** answered questions from the Board and provided additional information for their consideration.

**THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: RON SLATER** said he had been looking forward to 3 zones with Zone 3 being outright permitted. **JEFF DUNNING** expressed concerns with the word "harvesting" and suggested changing it to "converting" for consistency and to avoid confusion. **RACHAEL DONAHUE, HEELSTONE ENERGY** felt the proposed draft provided a good balance. **DICK CARKNER, SAVE OUR FARMS** submitted information into the record. He said they were concerned with the precedent being set by the State Energy Facilities Siting Evaluation Council and that TUUSSO's project did not meet the standards set by the State Environmental Policy Act. **MARLENE PFEIFER** felt there was urgency for the Board to take action because of the EFSEC decision. She encouraged adding Zone 3 back if possible. **KAREN POULSEN** made comments on definition language relating to harvesting and should be consistent with converting, as well as water rights. **KATHI PRICHARD** felt it was urgent for the Board to take action and how it was essential to have guidelines in place for our community in order to preserve farming. **THERE BEING NO OTHERS REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

APPROVED

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The Board of County Commissioners reviewed portions of the proposed language and recommended changes. The Board expressed their appreciation to County Staff and citizens who helped work on developing the proposal.


**COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN** moved to direct Staff to prepare enabling documents representative of the Boards discussion and summary of suggested changes. **COMMISSIONER WRIGHT** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

  
Julie Kjorsvik

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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Laura Osiadacz, Chairman