

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

TUESDAY

11:00 A.M.

SEPTEMBER 08, 2020

Board members present: Chairman, Brett Wachsmith; Vice-Chairman Laura Osiadacz & Commissioner Cory Wright.

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board II; Mike Livingston, South Central Region Director-WDFW; Ross Huffman, Regional Lands Operations Manager-WDFW and two members of the public.

SPECIAL MEETING WDFW DISCUSSION - MOTOR TOYS COMMISSIONERS

At 11:00 a.m. Chairman Wachsmith opened a Special Meeting for a follow up discussion with WDFW regarding the request from Motor Toys for a Commercial Use Permit. He stated that this was follow up from before COVID-19 stay home stay health order and couldn't be discussed until recently.

Commissioner Osiadacz stated that after she briefed the Board in late March on her follow up, the Board had additional conversations that she felt could be best answered by WDFW. She thanked Mike Livingston, South Central Region Director and Ross Huffman, Regional Lands Operations Manager for agreeing to meet and answer questions the Board may have.

Mike Livingston, South Central Region Director stated that not approving the permit this year was very difficult. He stated that WDFW spent a great deal of time considering the amount of time the applicant has consumed from WDFW due to them never working within their permit and always going outside of it, They felt that there wasn't the staff time available this year to manage all that comes with this permit. He stated that there is a long history of issues that the applicant is very aware of the compliance issues over the years. He stated that they tried to work with them, but as with all things this year this was not something they had the staffing for.

Ross Huffman, Regional Lands Operations Manager stated that they have been issuing a permit since 2010, and most years they request additional use and that has been accommodated. This has increased almost every year despite WDFW's efforts and continued issues with reporting and concerns with how ATV's were being

operated on the wildlife area. He stated that they have made numerous good faith efforts to work with Motor Toys to address these issues. And under the current rules the only method they have to address the noncompliance documentation over the years is to not issue a permit. He stated that this is not an issue of motorized use, or the amount of use being requested, as they support motorized public recreation on the wildlife area, however, this is an issue of a business not complying with the terms of the permit they sign each year.

Commissioner Wright asked for a review of incidents that led to the permit withdrawal.

Commissioner Osiadacz asked if future permits would be considered. Director Livingston stated that they will consider future permits however, not at status quo.

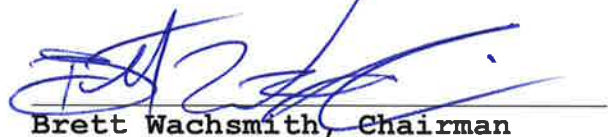
The Board thanked WDFW for taking the time to meet and answer the questions they had.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD II


Mandy Buchholz

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Brett Wachsmith, Chairman