

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITTTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
WEBEX
SPECIAL MEETING**

THURSDAY

9:00 A.M.

NOVEMBER 12, 2020

Board members present via WebEx: Chairman Brett Wachsmith, Vice-Chairman Laura Osiadacz and Commissioner Cory Wright.

Others present via WebEx: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board II; Taylor Crouch, Deputy Clerk of the Board I; Mark Cook, Public Works Director; Arden Thomas, WRP Manager; and 4 members of the public.

Kittitas County is currently in Phase 3 and in person participation is prohibited. The public was encouraged to join the meeting by joining a WebEx event online.

PUBLIC HEARING

JOINT CONTROL BOARD

COMMISSIONERS

At 9:00 a.m. **CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH** opened a Public Hearing to consider a Petition to Form a Joint Control Board between the Kittitas Reclamation District and the West Side Irrigation District.

MARK COOK, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR explained that they have reviewed the documents that had been submitted for consideration of a Joint Control Board between the KRD and the West Side Irrigation District. He said the Prosecutors office also reviewed the information and found it to be in compliance with State law.

URBAN EBERHART, KITTTITAS RECLAMATION DISTRICT said forming the Joint Control District would be a good opportunity for more efficient operations (equipment, personnel, etc.). He indicated they have received no opposition to the proposal. They have heard strong support from landowners and the West Side Irrigation District. **MARK HANSON, KRD BOARD MEMBER** expressed his support for the Joint Control Board and said it would allow water to move more efficiently through the County. **MR. RIEGLE, WEST SIDE IRRIGATION DISTRICT** said the KRD has been helping them with issues and being together would be a benefit to everyone. **JEFF SLOTHOWER**, representing the Kittitas Reclamation District said they've discussed the proposal with other Irrigation Districts in the Yakima Basin to see how it's worked having a Joint Control Board and there have not been any negative impacts.

THERE BEING NO ONE REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.

APPROVED
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COMMISSIONER OSIADACZ moved to approve the Joint Control Board between the Kittitas Reclamation District and the West Side Irrigation District, and to direct Staff to prepare enabling documents. **COMMISSIONER WRIGHT** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

POTENTIAL LITIGATION

COMMISSIONERS

At 9:34 a.m. Chairman Wachsmith announced the Board would recess into Executive Session with Greg Zempel, Prosecutor and Mark Cook, Public Works Director, for 20 minutes to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency. Action was anticipated.

At 9:54 a.m. the Board reconvened out of Executive Session. No action was taken.

At 9:54 a.m. Chairman Wachsmith announced the Board would recess back into Executive Session for 15 minutes to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency. Action was anticipated.

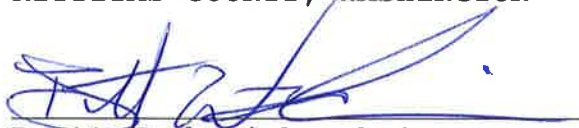
At 10:09 a.m. the Board reconvened out of Executive Session. The Board directed Staff to not submit a Non-Project Use Application at the Vantage Boat Launch.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**


Julie Kjorsvik


Brett Wachsmith, Chairman