

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

**TUESDAY**

**2:00 P.M.**

**SEPTEMBER 7, 2021**

Board members present: Chairman Brett Wachsmith; Vice-Chairman Laura Osiadacz; and Commissioner Cory Wright (Webex).

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Patti Johnson, Solid Waste Director/Project Manager/Interim Maintenance Director; Ken Grannan, Airport Director; Mandy Buchholz, Administrative Supervisor; David Welz, Administrative Assistant; 2 members of the public.

Per Governor Inslee's Proclamation 20-28 et seq., the public was encouraged to join the meeting virtually or in person.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**REVISE GRAZING LEASES**

**AIRPORT**

At 2:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH** opened a Public Hearing continued from August 3, 2021, to consider revised Grazing Leases at Bowers Field. He noted the record was open.

**KEN GRANNAN, AIRPORT DIRECTOR** requested approval of a Resolution approving the agricultural leases. He reviewed changes on the proposed leases since the previous Public Hearing. He said the FAA asked for them to move forward with a wildlife hazard assessment, despite there being any issues and the FAA agreed to assist with that process. He mentioned that the agriculture lands will be modified to accommodate the development of Flood Mitigation which is scheduled for construction in 2023 and 2024. Some of those leases will be affected by the elimination of the KRD water and useable area due to wetland mitigation and aviation safety. The Airport Advisory Committee supported the approval of the new Ag Leases with the inclusion of the grazing management program for individual tracts as noted in Exhibits B & C.

**THOSE REQUESTING TO TESTIFY: VICTOR STRAND** felt Tract 1 would end up being treated like a piece of dry land and was concerned it would end up as a large weed patch and fire hazard. He felt it should be grazed normally. He questioned what the difference was between grazing and mowing. **LINDA STRAND** questioned how the County would go about the bidding process. She felt there was a more of a fair way of doing it than how it was done in the prior years. **THERE BEING NO OTHERS REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

**APPROVED**  
9/21/21

VICE-CHAIRMAN OSIADACZ moved to approve Resolution No. 2021-138, Authorizing Ag Leases at the Bowers Field Industrial and Airport Area. COMMISSIONER WRIGHT seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

SOLID WASTE FEES

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At 2:12 p.m. CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH opened a Public Hearing to consider setting fees for the Kittitas County Solid Waste Department.

PATTI JOHNSON, SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR/PROJECT MANAGER/INTERIM MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR reviewed a Resolution setting fees for the Solid Waste Disposal.

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

RESOLUTION 2021-139

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VICE-CHAIRMAN OSIADACZ moved to approve Resolution No. 2021-139, Setting Fees for Solid Waste Disposal, effective November 1, 2021. COMMISSIONER WRIGHT seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

  
Julie Kjosrvik

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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Brett Wachsmith, Chairman