

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

**TUESDAY**

**2:00 P.M.**

**FEBRUARY 1, 2022**

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

Others: Taylor Crouch, Administrative Assistant; Mandy Buchholz, Administrative Supervisor; Carly Brettmann, Communications Director; Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor; Ken Grannan, Airport Director; Mark Cook, Public Works Director; and David Welz, Administrative Assistant.

There were 8 members of the public also present.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING      AGRICULTURAL LEASE- TWIN CITY FOODS      PUBLIC WORKS**

At 2:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN OSIADACZ** opened a Public Hearing to consider an Agricultural Land Lease with Twin City Foods.

**MARK COOK, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**, reviewed the proposed lease and Staff Report. The new lease does not have a rate increase and has a 5 year term length. Twin City Foods has agreed to all lease terms and has signed the proposed lease.

**THERE BEING NO PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

**LEASE                      AGRICULTURAL LEASE- TWIN CITY FOODS                      PUBLIC WORKS**

**VICE-CHAIRMAN WRIGHT** moved to approve the Agricultural Land Lease with Twin City Foods. **COMMISSIONER WACHSMITH** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**PUBLIC HEARING                      MINIMUM STANDARDS                      AIRPORT**

At 2:06 p.m. **CHAIRMAN OSIADACZ** opened a Public Hearing to consider the New Minimum Standards, Rules and Regulations Document.

**KEN GRANNAN, AIRPORT DIRECTOR**, reviewed the history of the Minimum Standards and the Staff Report. The Airport Advisory Committee (AAC) has been involved in the process of this document.

**APPROVED**  
2/15/22

**THOSE PROVIDING TESTIMONY: DAVE RATCLIFF** stated that this document could be reworked and that there is room for improvement. He is willing to work with the Airport. **BRIAN MCELROY** stated that the Airport Advisory Committee has considered this document on their agenda. The Committee needs all the information available to provide accurate suggestions. **TERRY LARUE** stated that 3 minutes is not enough time for public comment and that there are many issues with the language and constructs of the document. **STEVE LATHROP** stated that he has made comments to the AAC and the BOCC in the past year regarding his concerns about the document. He felt there are confusing concepts together in the plan that should not be. **THERE BEING NO OTHERS REQUESTING TO PROVIDE TESTIMONY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

**RESOLUTION**

**MINIMUM STANDARDS**

**AIRPORT**

**VICE-CHAIRMAN WRIGHT** moved to continue The Public Hearing, keeping the record open, until April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. and remand the document back to Staff for refinement. **COMMISSIONER WACHSMITH** seconded. In discussion **COMMISSIONER WACHSMITH** asked that **DIRECTOR GRANNAN** has joint planning meeting with the Planning Commission and the AAC. He also asked this to be a reoccurring item on the Airport Study Sessions. **VICE-CHAIR WRIGHT** stated that he would like to see the Director's Authority in County Code. **CHAIRMAN OSIADACZ** stated that she appreciated all the feedback and Staff's work on this long process. Motion carried 3-0.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**LEASE POLICY**

**AIRPORT**

At 2:47 p.m. **CHAIRMAN OSIADACZ** opened a Public Hearing to consider adopting the Bower's Field Lease Policy.

**KEN GRANNAN, AIRPORT DIRECTOR,** reviewed the Staff Report. There were two separate Lease documents previously, one for the land side, and one for the aeronautical side. This would combine both leases into one standard airport lease policy. The AAC has reviewed the Policy.

**THOSE PROVIDING TESTIMONY: TERRY LARUE** stated that this document is tied to the Minimum Standards document. Since they continued that Public Hearing, the BOCC should also continue this. **PAULA MCMINN** stated that there is concern about lead poisoning coming from the fuel used at the airport and the number of planes flying close to residential areas. **STEVE LATHROP** asked that this Policy be set aside until the Minimum Standards have been adopted. The way the lease reads currently, makes it very restrictive. He asked that the BOCC re-examine the proposed term length of the leases. **THERE BEING NO OTHERS REQUESTING TO PROVIDE TESTIMONY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

**VICE-CHAIRMAN WRIGHT** moved to continue The Public Hearing, keeping the record open, until April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. and remand the document back to Staff for refinement. **COMMISSIONER WACHSMITH** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

  
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Taylor Crouch

  
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Laura Osiadacz, Chairman