

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
CONFERENCE ROOM
SPECIAL MEETING**

WEDNESDAY

9:00 A.M.

JULY 26, 2023

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Mark Cook, Public Works/CDS Director; Ira Astrachan, KPRD #1 Secretary/Webmaster; Lucy Temple, KPRD #1 Commissioner; Ali Astrachan, KPRD #1 Vice-Chairman and 1 member of the public.

SPECIAL MEETING PARKS & RECREATION DIST. 1 COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Wright opened a Special Meeting to receive an update from the Kittitas Parks and Recreation District #1.

Ira Astrachan, KPRD #1 Secretary/Webmaster, reviewed their mission to preserve, expand and promote recreational opportunities in the Upper Kittitas County by partnering with local businesses, government agencies, community organizations, landowners and the public. He explained how they were formed in 2005 by a ballot measure and they are not taxpayer funded. They are looking to promote and expand permanent funding, having community surveys and conducting presentations to community organizations.

Lucy Temple, KPRD #1 Commissioner, provided information on their challenges, strengths, and future projects. She said they were looking to partner with or be complimentary to Kittitas County and she asked how they could help with the economy. Some of the projects they are looking at included upgrades to the sno-park, Coal Mines Trail, and the Nordic Trail System. Mark Cook, Public Works/CDS Director, commented on the viability and felt the County would benefit from hearing a plan that included long-term revenue. He said the timing would be important before going out to a ballot in the future. Chairman Wright suggested having a business plan that would assist in building up credibility. He said Central Washington University was looking to expand partnerships in the Upper County. Commissioner Osiadacz commented on the city's ownership of the Coal Mine Trails. She said she'd like to see continued conversations relating to the sno-parks. The Board expressed their appreciation to the KPRD #1

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and for their work on being transparent. The Board agreed to have Mr. Cook be the point of contact in the future.

The meeting was concluded at 9:55 a.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Julie Kjosrvik



Cory Wright, Chairman

