

IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
COUNTY OF KITTITAS

KITTITAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY)
COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING)
RE KITTITAS VALLEY WIND POWER)
PROJECT)

VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

June 6, 2006
6:00 p.m.
Kittitas County Fairgrounds
Ellensburg, Washington

HEARING BEFORE THE KITTITAS COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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APPEARANCES:

KITTITAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

COMMISSIONER DAVID BOWEN, Chairman
COMMISSIONER ALAN CRANKOVICH
COMMISSIONER PERRY HUSTON

1 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: Good evening. It's
2 June 6th, 2006, 6:00 p.m., Kittitas County
3 Fairgrounds, Home Arts Building. We are here for
4 continued public hearing to consider the Kittitas
5 Valley Wind Power Project Z-2005-22 submitted by
6 Sagebrush Power Partners, LLC.

7 This evening we have a draft resolution that
8 was brought before us, but I'm going to go ahead
9 and do declarations first.

10 I guess I did look at the letters to the
11 editor, and they indicated that some people
12 thought we'd made a great decisions and some
13 people thought we made a horrible decision, and
14 that was about the context of all of those.

15 And this afternoon I received a draft
16 resolution that I reviewed between, I don't know,
17 about 4:45 and 6:00 tonight.

18 And that would be the extent of my contacts
19 outside of the hearing process.

20 Hearing that, is there anyone here wishing
21 to object to my continued sitting in hearing on
22 this issue?

23 Seeing no one wishing to object,
24 Commissioner Crankovich?

25 COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH: Thank you,

1 Mr. Chairman.

2 I talked to Jim Hurson about process a
3 little bit, not many questions. And other than
4 that, just the resolution that was given to us
5 that we got about, what, 4:45 when we finished
6 our last hearing.

7 And with that, that's all I have to declare.

8 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: Hearing that, anyone here
9 wishing to object to Commissioner Crankovich
10 continued sitting in hearing on this issue?

11 Seeing no one wishing to object,
12 Commissioner Huston?

13 COMMISSIONER HUSTON: I didn't see the
14 letters to the editor, I guess. I've talked to
15 no one since we last met. I have the draft
16 resolution, and that's all I can declare.

17 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: Hearing that, is there
18 anyone here wishing to object to Commissioner
19 Huston continued sitting in hearing on this
20 issue?

21 Seeing no one wishing to object, all three
22 commissioners will remain seated.

23 At the end of the last hearing we did
24 indicate that the applicant, if they came up with
25 any other new thoughts or ideas between then and

1 now, they could certainly bring those forward as
2 far as the Development Agreement and specifically
3 on the setbacks.

4 So at this point I'd like to ask the
5 applicant if they have any further comment on
6 their --

7 MR. DANA PECK: We don't.

8 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: No comment? No further
9 comments on that? Thank you, Mr. Peck.

10 With that, unless the commissioners have
11 other things they'd like to address, I'd turn it
12 over to staff to talk about the draft resolution.

13 MR. DARRYL PIERCY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,
14 members of the Board. For the record, Darryl
15 Piercy, Director of Community Development
16 Services.

17 We have before you a draft resolution that
18 we believe takes into account the comments that
19 were contained on the record from the Board at
20 the previous public hearing regarding this
21 matter. In addition, it updates the, the
22 elements that -- or discussion that took place at
23 that previous meeting to bring this in line with
24 the current events as of today.

25 This document, where appropriate, identifies

1 the appropriate citations that are contained
2 within Kittitas County Code. It also makes
3 reference to the appropriate sections that are
4 contained within the Kittitas Valley Draft
5 Environmental Impact Statement and also where
6 appropriate citations from the Desert Claim final
7 EIS and the Wild Horse final EIS.

8 Also where appropriate there is
9 identification of the Kittitas County
10 Comprehensive Plan and the GPOs that would set
11 policy direction in regards to the Board's
12 decision and the sections within this document
13 where that would be appropriate.

14 We believe that this responds to the Board's
15 direction, and as staff we would be happy to
16 respond to any questions that you might have.
17 Both Joanna Valencia, myself, and Jim Hurson are
18 available for any questions that you might have.

19 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: Okay, thank you. Any
20 questions for staff?

21 Mr. Hurson, anything to add?

22 MR. JAMES HURSON: Nothing.

23 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: Okay, thank you.

24 Gentlemen, we have a draft resolution before
25 us. It would be Resolution No. 2006-90. I don't

1 know if you have comments before motions or if
2 you want to make a motion and have discussion.

3 COMMISSIONER HUSTON: Mr. Chairman, I move
4 Resolution 2006-90.

5 COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH: Second.

6 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: It's been moved and
7 seconded to approve Resolution No. 2006-90, a
8 resolution denying the Kittitas Valley Wind Power
9 Project proposal, including denial of sub-area
10 designation, rezone overlay, Development
11 Agreement, and Development Activities Permit.

12 Any discussion to that motion?

13 COMMISSIONER HUSTON: To the motion,
14 Mr. Chairman.

15 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: Commissioner Huston?

16 COMMISSIONER HUSTON: Going through the
17 resolution, I'd commend staff. I think it does
18 bring out the details that at least I envisioned
19 in our discussion when last we met. I think it's
20 specific as to the shortcomings in terms of the
21 project proposal, the specific issues that lead
22 to our decision to deny. I think it says it all.
23 The -- we could not get to the point where we
24 could approve the project. And I think this
25 encapsulates the record in very clear form.

1 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: Thank you.

2 Commissioner Crankovich?

3 COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH: I couldn't find
4 anything in here that I could add to it. I think
5 it, as Commissioner Huston stated, covered
6 everything that we have discussed and tried to
7 work on over the past several months, and I think
8 it pretty much covers everything.

9 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: Okay, thank you.

10 As I read through it, it seemed consistent
11 with -- or is consistent with the record and is
12 consistent with our direction. And I think
13 everything else that I could possibly add has
14 already been said at this point.

15 So with that, any further discussion?

16 Hearing none, all those in favor indicate by
17 saying aye.

18 COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH: Aye.

19 COMMISSIONER HUSTON: Aye.

20 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: I too will vote aye, and
21 the motion carries.

22 And with that, I would hear a motion to
23 close the hearing, I guess.

24 COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH: So moved.

25 COMMISSIONER HUSTON: Seconded.

1 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: It's been moved and
2 seconded to close this public hearing. Any
3 discussion to that motion?

4 Hearing none, all those in favor indicate by
5 saying aye.

6 COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH: Aye.

7 COMMISSIONER HUSTON: Aye.

8 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: I too will vote aye. This
9 hearing is closed. Thank you all very much.

10 (The proceeding was concluded at
11 6:06 p.m.)

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