

**COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
Regular Meeting
Adams County Courthouse, Ritzville**

July 20, 2005
(Wednesday)

Call to Order @ 9:00 a.m.

Present:

Chairman Jeffrey W. Stevens
Vice-Chairman Roger L. Hartwig
Commissioner Rudy Plager

Columbia Basin Development League

Roger Thieme, Alice Parker, and Lobbyist Mike Schwisow presented information on the following to the Board:

Odessa Sub-area Study

Background and history
Study focus to evaluate the continued incremental development of the Columbia Basin Project focusing on lands currently irrigated by wells in the Odessa Sub-area
Study steps and time line

Columbia Basin Water Initiative

Objective: to design and execute a multi-faceted action plan to raise public and political awareness

Purpose: to raise awareness of government, business and social leaders to the crisis; to gain cooperative support of governmental agencies and diverse interest groups; to work with Reclamation, Ecology, and the Columbia Basin Irrigation Districts to encourage review of existing expansion plans and investigation of new options; and, to build strong political alliances to ensure legislative action

Strategy

Goals: #1 - develop better public understanding of the Columbia Basin Project and its ability to address the declining water resources in Eastern Washington; #2 -develop cooperative partnerships with affected public agencies that would allow utilization of privately raised money to encourage and stimulate appropriate action; #3 -support legislative action to secure appropriate funding

Lobbyist Schwisow discussed his on-going participation and efforts with legislators in the study and development process.

The group discussed long term financial needs anticipated for successful completion of Goals #1 and #3 of the Initiative.

The Board requested copies of the executive meetings of the Columbia Basin Development League.

Juvenile Staffing

Juvenile Administrator Gowan requested authorization to hire the Grant funded Probation Counselor at Range 11 Step 6 rather than the allowed maximum step for a new hire at Step 4. Supporting documentation from the candidate and Gowan was submitted. Following discussion, the Board unanimously **denied the request** and the candidate will be hired at R11 S4. Chairman Stevens will relay the decision to Administrator Gowan.

Adjournment @ 12:00

Submitted:
s/Linda Reimer, MMC
Clerk of the Board

Edited and Approved:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADAMS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
s/Jeffrey W. Stevens, Chairman
s/Roger L. Hartwig, Vice-Chairman
s/Rudy Plager, Commissioner