

# CHELAN COUNTY BOUNDARY REVIEW BOARD

AUGUST 24, 2022

6:01 Meeting called to order by Chair Johnson

Present:

Dennis Johnson, Chair  
Duane Goehner, Member  
Carl Blum, Member  
Larry Cordes, Member  
Aaron Young-Absent  
Susan Hinkle, Deputy PA  
Lisa de Vera, Clerk

Guests:

Kammeron Todd, Chelan County  
Josh Patrick, Chelan County Public Works  
Frank Kuntz, Mayor City of Wenatchee  
Robert Sealby

Review of July draft minutes

**Motion** by Larry Cordes to approve July minutes as presented  
**2<sup>nd</sup>** – Carl Blum

Discussion - none

**Vote – unanimous to approve**

6:03 Dennis Johnson opened the meeting and explained tonight's process as the following:

BRB is an independent body appointed to review annexations in this current filing. Following testimony the Board will render a decision on the proposed annexation.

If you wish to offer testimony you are required to have signed the roster with the BRB Clerk prior to the hearing. If exhibits are to be submitted they need to be submitted to the BRB Clerk for labeling prior to the hearing.

Only the Board may ask questions of speakers.

After all have spoken and the Board begins deliberations no additional questions of speakers can be asked.

To ensure a fair a timely hearing we have set an allotted time limit for speakers and public comments. The submitting entity/agency, applicant (rebuttal 5 minutes), and registered opponents shall be granted 15 minutes each. Other governmental agencies 10 minutes and public comments 5 minutes (this may be shortened if repetitive).

Order of hearing:

- Entity/agency forwarding the Notice of Intention
- Applicant and or their representative
- Other governmental agencies
- Opponents who have registered opposition/requested a hearing
- General public testimony
- Applicant rebuttal (no new materials)
- Closing of testimony
- Board discussion and action (consistent with GMA)

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Testimony and Board questioning:

- Those offering testimony will state their name and address for the record
- Only the Board may ask questions of speakers (consistent with RCW 36.93 sections 170 and 180).

Dennis then introduced Susan Hinkle as the BRB Attorney from the Chelan County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

6:07 Dennis opened the Public Hearing for City of Wenatchee NOI 2022-003.

No one representing the Applicant was present.

City of Wenatchee, Mayor Frank Kuntz stated that there is no new information other than what was originally submitted.

There was no one representing any other government agencies.

Opponents, Chelan County requested the Hearing.

6:07 Dennis welcomed Kammeron Todd, Prosecutor for Chelan County Public Works as opposition and Josh Patrick, Chelan County Public Works.

Ms. Todd stated she requested the Hearing to review the process of the BRB, not for tax base purposes. She continued, that in order for Chelan County Public Works (herein after CCPW) to do their job well, they need to look closely at the long term effects of projects.

There a few questions on the right of way. The shape impacts not just Melody Lane but Peters Street. The County wants to anticipate growth efficiently. As growth occurs, CCPW wants to ensure infrastructure and its service capabilities.

6:10 Dennis asked Ms. Todd if opposing the annexation violating the interlocal agreement?

Ms. Todd replied that CCPW must comply with GMA (Growth Management Act) and that the annexations are not haphazard. Coordination and proper planning help both entities. The County is the only check and balance for petitioner-based annexations.

6:12 Carl asked Ms. Todd to summarize her objection. He asked if the area was larger would there have been an objection?

Ms. Todd replied, NO.

Dennis asked if the parcels on Peter St. were the ones in question. Ms. Todd replied that she would not have been present if the Peters Street parcels were not included. She continued, that piece meal annexations don't allow the County proper planning.

6:17 Carl asked if there is an interlocal agreement between the City of Wenatchee and CCPW. Ms. Todd replied Yes, there is great coordination between the County and City Public Works departments.

Dennis acknowledged that the time for the opposition has gone over 15 minutes but that no one else is present to testify.

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Dennis asked if any other Board members have questions for the County and Ms. Todd. The answer was NO. General Public also had no further questions.

6:20 No applicant rebuttal.

6:20 Chairperson Johnson closed the testimony portion of the public hearing.

Carl stated that because this is a petitioner-based NOI, backed by the City, he doesn't see any issues with the interlocal agreement. Furthermore, he agrees that it does not pass the logical boundary of the GMA.

Duane agrees with Carl. Supportive of growth, but not in this case. This case is more about convenience than thoughtfulness.

6:24 Dennis reviewed the NOI and asked the Board if they approve or reject?

6:25 **Motion** by Duane Goehner to reject the request for Annexation NOI 2022-003.

2<sup>nd</sup> – Carl Blum

**The motion passed unanimously.**

Larry Cordes commented the adjustment of the impractical boundaries stands out. Would like to eventually hear an applicant say why they want to be in the City?

Susan Hinkle recommends sending letter to Applicant tomorrow if it is rejected.

6:32 A brief discussion between Susan Hinkle and Dennis Johnson regarding drafting the Findings and Conclusions for today's decision. Dennis doesn't want to do this and does not agree. Susan agreed to do it.

Frank asked about last month's decision on 2022-002? Dennis took the blame for this not being out yet, and Susan added that per RCW we have 40 days to get the letter out.

6:37 A general discussion amongst the Board regarding the Rules of Practice and Procedure. Susan will make the necessary changes and circulate to the Board.

6:48 Dennis remarked that he does not like the numbering system for the resolutions. Too similar to the NOI numbers that are assigned.

6:49 **Motion** by Duane Goehner to sign the Resolution 2022-002 for the Decision on Petition Invoking Jurisdiction regarding NOI 2022-002.

2<sup>nd</sup> – Carl Blum

Discussion - none

**Vote – unanimous to approve**

6:53 Dennis asked Mayor Kuntz to discuss the city processes with the BRB. Mayor Kuntz stated that the cost of doing the NOI's outweighs any benefit. There are two more single lot annexations and after that they are done, the city does not have the time.

7:07 Carl asked about the WA Assoc.of BRB's. There is an annual meeting in Skamania on October 12-14<sup>th</sup> and the deadline is September 16<sup>th</sup>. It is \$190.00 to register includes meals. Carl would like to request lodging and per diem from Chelan County. Lisa will look into the details.

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7:12 Meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting date:

September 28th, 2022 @ 6pm in person.

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