



KITTITAS COUNTY

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Mark Cook, Director

STUDY SESSION MINUTES

November 28, 2016

THOSE PRESENT:

Paul Jewell, Laura Osiadacz (BOCC), Mark Cook, Candie Leader (DPW)

GUESTS PRESENT:

None

**KITTITAS COUNTY
RIFLE CLUB:**

Mark stated that he met with the managing member of the Kittitas County Rifle Club on the state of their current facility which is located by Mt. Stuart Elementary. It is a 22 caliber gun club and they are looking to relocate, possibly to the industrial area at Bowers Field. The club has reached out to law enforcement in the past with no luck in getting a response. Discussion was held.

Board Direction:

Schedule time to get on the Law and Justice Study Session to further discuss the topic.

AIRPORT UPDATE(S):

Mark reported that recently the Board signed a lease assignment agreement between Midstate Aviation and Central Washington University (CWU). That agreement opened the door for certain Midstate assets to transfer to CWU and the flight training program. Mark checked with the building department earlier in the day and the permit for Midstate Aviation's new modular building that will be placed outside the fence should be completed by Wednesday. The building itself is ready to be placed and is sitting in Yakima for delivery. This will be a temporary office for Midstate until Ron Mitchell gets going on plans to construct a permanent facility inside the fence. Mark stated that he has met with CWU twice within the last two weeks discussing a laundry list of things they are looking for. One item is changing the main hangar from propane over to natural gas. Natural gas is available along Bowers Road. They are also looking for tree trimming and sign erection. CWU is also requesting more parking. They suggested putting more parking by the propane tank and staff is not comfortable with that idea. Staff is looking at the current lot across the street and making the area bigger to accommodate the request. Maintenance staff

should be able to complete this request in short order. The piece that remains unresolved is the IASCO use agreement. Mark presented the topic to the Airport Advisory Board and there was not a single voice when setting a revised use agreement rate. The majority of the members favored a rate commensurate with IASCO's impact at around \$20,000 a year. Staff contacted IASCO and they are coming to town Wednesday. A meeting is set up and Mark will bring this discussion back to the table. Discussion was held.

Board Direction:

No Direction

LEVEE REPAIR(S) UPDATE:

Mark reported that he had previously briefed the Board on the Schaake and Klocke Levee repairs. In November of last year both levees received damage from flooding events and in response to that the Corp of Engineers came out this summer to do investigations on both levees and come up with proposals for repairs. That proposal was generated by the Corp of Engineers. They solicited Public Works for adoption of the proposal and at that same time conversation with the Bureau of Reclamation were happening regarding the Schaake Levee because the Bureau of Reclamation is moving forward with the setback levee and are at 30% design. The resource agencies are opposing our desire to repair the levees in the water. They'd like to see us setback the Schaake Levee and possibly abandon Klocke. While we are not considering abandoning Klocke we have looked at setting back Schaake. In discussion of the setback staff pulled easement documents from our files and the County Surveyor reviewed the information. What we saw was a 1947 US Army Corp of Engineers map that ties back to wooden stake beneath a willow tree. There's no way to find the wood stake or willow tree to be found at this time. As we looked at the documentation we believe we have the right to setback the levee, so we went back to the Bureau of Reclamation and asked for the chain of title that they got when they purchased the property. The Bureau of Reclamation stated that they bought the property without a chain of title. We then got into contact with the Real Estate Division of Bureau of Reclamation and asked for a new easement. The response was ok; however, Kittitas County has to do all the survey work to obtain the easement. Unfortunately, staff does not have the time to support this. Discussion was held.

Board Direction:

Calendar the US Army Corp of Engineers agreement for approval and bring in the local biologists for discussion on the projects.

**SIX YEAR TRANSPORTATION
PLAN ADOPTION:**

Mark reported that the department is late on the process this year. We generally have the outreach done mid-November and have the proposal ready in December during budget adoption. That did not happen this year. Previously, Mark briefed the Board on Public Works financing and in recognition of overstating maintenance budgeting and that we've been deferring maintenance for a number of years on projects that are really preservation projects not capital improvement projects. Mark explained that we cannot go and replace a corrugated 72" culvert at Via Kachess we have to replace it with a 20' four sided box culvert due to the fish biologists in the region. So, these projects are becoming very expensive. We have a couple of areas that have been allowed to get to a point that we know now that we have to move on in 2017, 2018 and perhaps as late as 2019. The only funding source now for these is local funds and the only local money available is cash reserves. Discussion was held. On December 6, 2016 staff will present documents to set the public hearing to approve the Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan and Annual Construction Plan to conduct the hearing on December 20, 2016. Commissioner Jewell stated that this is fine and budgets can be amended.

Board Direction:

Present documents to set a public hearing to consider adopting the Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan and Annual Construction Plan on the next agenda session.



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