

**KITTITAS COUNTY  
PUBLIC WORKS STUDY SESSION MINUTES  
Webex  
Regular Meeting**

**MONDAY**

**1:30 PM**

**April 26, 2021**

Board members present: Vice-Chairman Laura Osiadacz, and Commissioner Cory Wright

Others: Josh Fredrickson, Rebecca Cruse, Candie Leader, Arden Thomas, Liz Remeto, Public Works; Dan Carlson, Jessica Miller, Toni Berkshire, Mike Flory, Community Development Services; Neil Caulkins, Prosecuting Attorney's Office; (4) Members of the Public

At 1:51 pm Vice-Chairman Laura Osiadacz opened the Public Works Study Session.

**REQUEST TO APPROVE A NOTICE OF CALL FOR SEALED BIDS FOR THE VANTAGE HIGHWAY PAVEMENT AND GUARDRAIL REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

Josh Fredrickson gave background on the project and stated that this project includes six (6) miles of paving along with guardrail placement with bids being due by Thursday, May 20, 2021. Josh Fredrickson added that the project cost estimate is between \$3.9 to \$4.3 million dollars coming from different funding sources. Vice-Chairman Laura Osiadacz made a motion to approve a Notice of Call for Sealed Bids for the Vantage Highway Pavement and Guardrail Replacement Project. Commissioner Cory Wright seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0.

**CONTRACT FOR SERVICES - SALE OF WATER MITIGATION CERTIFICATES  
DISCUSSION**

Arden Thomas stated staff is seeking direction from the Board of County Commissioners to move forward with entering into an agreement Nelson Gelbvieh Ranch LLC to allow Kittitas County the ability to sell water rights from their private water bank. Arden Thomas stated that the county has entered in similar agreements before, specifically, with the Reecer Creek Water Right, LLC in 2018. Arden Thomas continued that in the past this has allowed the County options and staff believes it is beneficial to maintain these water rights in Kittitas County, where the rights originated. Discussion was held. Vice-Chairman Laura Osiadacz asked Jessica Kuchan, the representative for Nelson Gelbvieh Ranch, LLC, if she had any additional questions or comments. Jessica Kuchan stated her client looks forward to the opportunity to pursue this relationship with the County. Staff was directed to move forward with the agreement.

**APPROVED**  
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Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

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**Rebecca Cruse, Administrative  
Assistant**



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**Laura Osiadacz, Vice-Chairman**