

**KITTITAS COUNTY
EC STUDY SESSION MINUTES
BOCC CONFERENCE ROOM, 205 WEST 5TH ROOM 108 - ELLENSBURG
Regular Meeting**

WEDNESDAY	10:00 AM	April 13, 2022
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Board members present: Laura Osiadacz, Chair; Brett Wachsmith, Commissioner.
Others: Kady Porterfield, Event Center Director; Patti Johnson, Maintenance and Solid Waste Director.

1. Meeting called to order at 10:02am by Chair Osiadacz.
2. **Approve Professional Services Agreement Amendment with ALSC Architects:** Kady and Patti relayed that this was the amendment to design and build specifications for the washracks on the Bloom Pavilion Addition, which had been agreed upon to do at a prior meeting. Brett moved to use Chair's signature to approve the professional services agreement amendment with ALSC Architects. Laura seconded the motion. Further discussion: Brett is excited to see this move forward after the all the years of working on it, and Laura agreed. Motion passes. Patti relayed that the building permit will be submitted before the end of this week on the Bloom Pavilion Addition construction and will hopefully go out to bid early this summer to begin work after the Kittitas County Fair.
3. **Rodeo Grandstands Project:** Brett, Patti, and Kady are meeting with Carl Jensvold (Ellensburg Rodeo Board), Bruce Tabb (City of Ellensburg), and Heidi Behrends Cerniwey (City of Ellensburg) to tour the Rodeo Grandstands and talk about the plans for the proposed project and our partnership on it moving forward. Kady will have documents prepared to review after the on-site tour.
4. **Special Projects:** Patti reported that Central Washington University has now hired a consultant to begin to work on the North Parking Lot design for paving. She will be receiving weekly updates and will get with Kady and stakeholders for input on design as soon as the consultant is ready to begin work.

Patti also gave an update on Shady Acres as she is having a hazmat analysis completed on some trailers in order to go out to bid to get them demoed and removed next. There was only one resident who attended the last Department of Commerce help session at the Event Center. It was discussed that a reminder message should be sent to residents that haven't turned in their Department of Commerce paperwork yet and assist them in getting it completed so they can receive that financial assistance. Patti said she's waiting to hear the value on the First and Last Tavern before they can move forward on selling that piece now that it's their own parcel.

The Kittitas Valley Event Center Master Plan was discussed and how all these moving pieces are working very nicely to fit that, so we will hopefully see some major progress very soon.

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Kady gave a quick update on a few of her capital projects going on at the grounds. The Ellensburg Rodeo has made great progress in the Behind the Chutes expansion project. The old concession stand is almost completely gone, and they are now waiting on the fencing product to come in before they can install that and remove the old fence boundary.

Kady relayed that the Cow Pen project and the Armory Paving project will most likely not see any work begin until after Labor Day Weekend due to supply timelines and contractors.

5. **General Event and Rental Updates:** Kady reported that the first Cascade Cow Cutters event went very well this year and things were very organized on the set up. There's been great coordination and communication between KVEC management and the Cascade Cow Cutters. Some new things have been tried out to help alleviate costs for both parties. KVEC will have them for only one more show this year in May, but that's opened some opportunities for us to host some new events.
6. **Discuss Potential KVEC Rate Updates:** Kady gave an overview of rates that the KVEC Management have been reviewing to update due to the huge increase of input costs over the last year. They've developed a plan of a small increase across the board on most all facilities as well as restructured some that are no longer in use or viable options. Although the increases are small, it's believed it will help alleviate some of the pressure from inflation on the operations to service events. In May, Kady will be requesting a public hearing be set to proceed with approving a new rate and fee schedule.
7. **Self-Promoted Events Business:** Ticket sales are slow, but it's still early. Looking forward to trying the new layout of standing General Admission on the arena floor with the stage closer to the South Grandstands this year for an even better view for those in Box and Reserved Seats. The fireworks are set to go as usual and will be nice to have them this year.
8. **Other Business:** None.
9. Meeting concluded at 10:59am.


Kady Porterfield

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Laura Osiadacz, Chairman