

Minutes of  
Community Development Services  
Study Sessions

April 21, 2003

Those Present: Bruce Coe, Perry Huston

Also Present: Nancy Goodloe, John Wolpers, Paul Bennett, David Taylor  
and Catherine Dunn

**Culvert Agreement with Pat and Mary Burke and Ridgeway short plats**

**David Taylor** explained the culvert agreement between Kittitas County and Pat and Mary Burke which would bring to an end the disagreement between the two parties over a culvert placed in the Burke-Hartman Irrigation Ditch. The agreement outlined the steps that the County had taken to remove the culvert and to protect this Ditch. **Taylor** also outlined the process for providing one of the landowners in the short plats a Certificate of Occupancy on the residence he was building.

**Paul Bennett** said that he would be meeting with the Bonding company prior to construction starting on the roads in these short plats. He said they needed to be under construction by the first or second week in May to meet the deadline in the agreement of June 1.

**Perry Huston** said that as long as things were moving ahead most of the parties would be satisfied. He said to put the culvert agreement on the Board's agenda for May 6, 2003. He directed **David Taylor** to do an agenda staff report for the agreement and to notify Mary Burke of the status of the agreement.

**Paul Bennett** said that he had some concerns with the "indemnify" statement in the agreement. Some people, he said, would take that statement further than it was related to in the agreement. He was concerned for the County's liability. **Huston** said that this was common language in agreements and only means for the life of the agreement.

**Bennett** said that the short plat notes state that the ditch is to be maintained by the property owners. At a later date another culvert agreement can be put in place, after the current work outlined in the present culvert agreement is finished.

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