



# **KITTITAS COUNTY**

## **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

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### **STUDY SESSION MINUTES**

**May 11, 2009**

#### **THOSE PRESENT:**

Alan Crankovich, Mark McClain, Paul Jewell (BOCC), Kirk Holmes, Kelly Carlson, Christina Wollman, Kathy Jurgens (DPW), Lisa Young (HR).

#### **GUESTS PRESENT:**

Chad Bala, Lindsey Ozbolt, Noah Goodrich, Wayne Nelson

#### **CADDIS CREEK SP:**

Kirk Holmes stated that in 2007 Brandon Drexler discussed the Department of Transportation frontage roads and bringing them onto the county maintained system if they were built to standard. Kirk stated that according to an agreement between the county and state from 1984, the county agreed to take the DOT roads on system once they were constructed to county standards.

Mark McClain asked about the liability to maintain roads that are "piece meal" and not part of a transportation system.

Kirk Holmes stated that the applicants of Caddis Creek are inquiring if the BOCC will even consider taking this road on system before they expend the funds to build it to county road standards.

#### **Board Direction:**

**Commissioner Crankovich stated that he would consider this request due to the 1984 agreement, but the public hearing process will still prevail. The BOCC agreed they would consider this request at a public hearing.**

#### **GLADMAR LEVEE:**

Doug D'Hondt stated that he had been contacted by Tony Jantzer of Cascade Irrigation District (CID) asking when the County was going to repair the Gladmar Levee. Doug stated that the levee has been blown out several times and presented drawings/photos of the area in question. At this point Doug stated it will take approximately \$250,000 to repair with possibly a 12.5% match, and any funds that go into the project will have to come from the General Fund. He stated that the levee does not protect any roads, but helps CID with the delivery of irrigation water. The levee was originally constructed to protect the residence at the end of Wade Road.

Doug also stated that he had been contacted by CWU about the existing agreement they have with Kittitas

County to use this park for classes. They would like to re-negotiate their agreement with the County due to lack of funding but want the County to acknowledge they are still an interested party.

The BOCC asked if the levee needed to be repaired, and Doug stated that there is no benefit to the County to repair it, but it would benefit CID.

**Board Direction:** **Directed staff to meet with WSDOT to see if they would like to partner in this repair since the levee does protect some of their facilities.**

**GRANT CO PUD#2:** Kirk Holmes presented an Inter-local agreement to the BOCC between Kittitas County and Grant County PUD #2 dealing with the Vantage Boat Ramp and maintenance to be performed. Kathy Jurgens explained the process of this agreement and the obligations of both parties. Kirk Holmes was requesting approval from the BOCC to sign the agreement.

**Board Direction:** **BOCC approved Kirk Holmes signature on the Inter-Local agreement between Kittitas County and Grant County PUD #2.**

**LAND USE PROJECT PLANNER:** Kirk Holmes stated that the RFQ for the land use project planner had been closed for about 8 days and there was a lot of interest. He stated that this would provide some security to the development community that the County would have staff to handle the big projects that come up. There would be no cost to the County, it would be a pass-through billing process. Chad Bala asked if it had been established as to what a big project was? Kirk Holmes stated that had not been worked out yet.

**Board Direction** **No Direction**

**CDS 2010 ORGANIZATION:** Lisa Young presented an updated organizational chart for CDS for BOCC discussion. Kirk stated that the custom home market has stayed steady given the economics. He stated that they are not seeing any spec home building and do not anticipate seeing that increase in 2010. Kirk stated that a Planning Official needs to be on board that will respond directly to the BOCC. The BOCC stated that they are not sure they need a Planning Official and a Director. Kirk stated that a more cautious approach is recommended

**Board Direction** **No Direction**

CDS:

**ENGINEERING REQUIREMENTS FOR STRUCTURES:** Dan Davis gave a brief background on these requirements. He stated that the homebuilders wanted to broaden these requirements to exempt certain structures in the code and allow them to build without engineering on some projects.

Dan stated that there are a couple of exemptions in the code that do not conform with State Law. He stated that with the removal of "D" & "E" would alleviate engineering on buildings that it shouldn't be required.

Dan stated that the new codes go into effect in July 2010, do we want to address this now or wait until next spring? He stated that there are very few instances where these exemptions come into play.

Board Direction:

**BOCC directed staff to wait until spring to address this.**

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm



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Kirk Holmes  
Public Works Director