



KITTITAS COUNTY

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

STUDY SESSION MINUTES

March 19, 2007

THOSE PRESENT: Alan Crankovich, David Bowen, Mark McClain, Brandon Drexler (DPW), Kelly Carlson (DPW)

GUESTS PRESENT:

WINSTON BRIDGE: Director Drexler stated that he had met with Steve Lathrop and Jim Hurson to discuss the Winston Bridge issues. He stated that Suncadia will dedicate the right of way to the County, which has been an issue in the past. He also stated that the County would perform the maintenance on this road on a reimbursement basis from Suncadia. Steve Lathrop stated that there would be an agreement with the landscaping and signage that will be in the right of way. He stated that we would use the current maintenance agreement for the entrance roundabout as a starting point and work from there. Steve Lathrop stated that he had met with Floyd Rogalski (Forest Service) and he had stated that it would be o.k. to put conduit and utility vaults in the right of way and that permitting would be through the County. The utility companies would be required to obtain a franchise from the County.

Board Direction: **No Board Direction.**

SUNCADIA PERFORMANCE GTY: Director Drexler stated that Suncadia currently has a bond with Kittitas County in the amount of \$22,835,674.00. They are requesting to reduce the bond since there is approximately \$145,000 work left to complete. Steve Lathrop asked the BOCC that if there is information proving the work is mostly complete is there a need to come to the BOCC each time they want a bond reduced. Secondly he asked what avenue would be used to reduce the bonds and what type of documentation would be required.

Director Drexler stated that in the past a letter was sent to the bonding company and a new bond was created for the remaining value.

Board Direction: **BOCC directed staff to inform them when a reduction in a bond is requested.**

SHELLROCK ROAD:

Gordon Blossom (Rep. from Field & Stream) was present express his concern over public roads being locked up. He then gave an explanation of the area of concern owned by Lyle Gardenier. He then requested that the BOCC ask Mr. Zempel to uphold the law on this issue. He stated that there is a difference in legal opinions when it comes to RCW 36.75.080. Director Drexler stated that these roads are being locked up mainly due to litter. Commissioner Crankovich stated that the key is definition of "highway" and that this road is not open as a matter of right it is an assumed use. Commissioner McClain explained that the BOCC has not control over Mr. Zempel since he is an elected official.

Board Direction: No Board Direction

SO. CLE ELUM BRIDGE R/W:

Commissioner Crankovich stated that this is pertaining to the Coal Mines Trail that goes across the bridge (pedestrian crossing). Director Drexler stated that the railroad has a 200' right of way. Commissioner Crankovich asked if the current railroad agreement covered pedestrian traffic?

Board Direction: BOCC directed staff to located railroad permit for answers.

CLE ELUM RIDGE DEVELOPMENT:

Darryl Piercy stated that the following presentation is a partnership within the Permit Center completed by the Permit Review Team. Noah presented a handout and a powerpoint presentation regarding this development. Commissioner Crankovich stated his concern over the lack of comment from the City of Cle Elum since this highly impacts them. Darryl Piercy suggested the County schedule time with the City of Cle Elum to address the impacts the development will have on their city and transportation system.

Board Direction: BOCC directed staff to set up a meeting with the City of Cle Elum Administrator and Mayor.

Meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.


Brandon Drexler
Public Works Director