

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
Department of Public Works Conference Room
Kittitas County Permit Center**

MONDAY

2:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 15, 2008

Board members present: Chairman Mark McClain; Vice-Chairman Alan Crankovich; Commissioner Paul Jewell.

Others present: Catherine Dunn, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Kirk Holmes, Director of Public Works; Doug D'Hondt, County Engineer; Dan Davis, Building Official; Dale Bambrick, National Marine Fisheries; Jeff Tayer, WA ST Fish and Wildlife; Brent Renfrow, WA ST Fish and Wildlife.

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BRIDGE PERMITS

PUBLIC WORKS

CHAIRMAN McCLAIN opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. **VICE-CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH** said that he had invited **JEFF TAYER** to meet with **KIRK HOLMES, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR** and **DOUG D'HONDT, COUNTY ENGINEER** regarding the potential for permit difficulty with the proposed bridges over Big and Little Creeks on Nelson Siding RD. **JEFF TAYER, FISH AND WILDLIFE**, said that the bridge issues were before them as well at a technical meeting to be held later in the week. He said that their agency didn't want to be rigid in their regulations and that problem solving was the name of the game. **VICE-CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH** expressed concern that changes would add so much to the price of the bridges that they would be too expensive to build. He asked what challenges they would face?

JEFF TAYER said that they would not be putting up roadblocks but they could work out any difficulties.

KIRK HOLMES said that this was not only a Kittitas County problem. WA ST Association of Counties is working to develop a better relationship with State regulators.

BRENT RENFROW, WA ST FISH AND WILDLIFE, said that they have had a good working relationship with the Department of Public Works. They are trying to keep from constricting channels.

JEFF TAYER said that they want to start soon on the permitting process, be proactive, develop partnerships and develop a common value to make things better.

DOUG D'HONDT, COUNTY ENGINEER, brought up efforts to agree with Fish and Wildlife regulations but said that any increased risk of erosion violates the engineer's ethics rules.

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BRENT RENFROW said they were working to prevent constriction of the stream flow. He said that Big Creek was of primary concern to Fish and Wildlife. They had done fish habitat work on it and fish are returning to it. He said that he was recommending a 50' span bridge because that is the size of the bridge for I-90 which is working well.

DALE BAMBRICK, NMFS, said that the bridge design principles are the same with WSDOT and all counties. He said that the proposal is for a 39' span bridge but that the opening needs to be maximized.

DOUG D'HONDT said that they had a good bridge design and offered to have a shallower slope to allow more opening under the bridge.

JEFF TAYER said he was optimistic this would work out. Brent Renfrow was the supervisor for this area and has had a long and good relationship with Kittitas County.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:00 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Catherine Dunn

Mark McClain, Chairman