



KITTITAS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

STUDY SESSION MINUTES

February 9, 2009

THOSE PRESENT:

Alan Crankovich, Mark McClain, Paul Jewell, Catherine Dunn, (BOCC), Kirk Holmes, Kelly Carlson, Maria Fischer (DPW), Dan Davis, Dan Valhoff, Mandie Weed (CDS), Neil Caulkins (PROS), Brenda Larsen (Fire Marsh.), Dana Glenn (ASSES).

GUESTS PRESENT:

Chad Bala, Lindsey Ozbolt, Noah Goodrich.
Shan Rowbotham, Ron Mitchell, Fenelle Miller, Jack Dugan, Teresa Sloan, Craig Johnson (Airport Advisory Committee)
Andy McIrvine, (Midstate Aviation).

AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE PRESENTATION:

Jack Dugan presented a Power Point show to the Board, introducing the Airport, its history, its contributions to the county economy, and a little about the surrounding zoning and development.

Andy McIrvine of Midstate Aviation, the Fixed Base Operator (FBO) at the Airport, explained his company's functions, noting the importance of the 48 year old pilot training program in conjunction with Central Washington University. Then Jack Dugan further explained the functions of the airport. Shan Rowbotham stated that the Advisory Committee is looking for direction from the Commissioners. He noted that Runway #725 is the committee's number one safety concern, as it has the original WWII asphalt surface and needs work. It is also the longest runway at the airport. Kelly Carlson, Airport Manager stated that this runway is 5500' long and 150' wide and would need to be totally removed and dug out. Discussion followed.

Teresa Sloan explained the problem with lengthening runways and installing lights which would affect surrounding properties. Rowbotham asked the Commissioners which airports in the county (Bowers Field, Cle Elum and Easton) the Advisory Committee should have input on. The committee is concerned about inappropriate development around each airport. Neil Caulkins added that the issue is if surrounding zoning is compatible with airport uses, stating that the committee could provide valid input on all of the county airports. Kelly

Carlson noted that the Cle Elum Airport has no existing approved overlay zone, although they do have a draft ordinance for one, and they are encountering some issues with development close to the airport. Discussion followed on obtaining CERB funds for runway improvements, and on updating the Airport Master Plan. Fenelle explained about a planning grant opportunity coming up through WSDOT specifically for airports.

Board Direction:

Write to the City of Cle Elum and offer them the help of the Airport Advisory Board. Explore the WSDOT Planning Grant for a possible application.

**COUNTY-WIDE FLOOD
CONTROL DISTRICT:**

Director Holmes explained that in 1996 a Comprehensive Flood Hazard Management Plan was developed by the county. Dan Davis added that this plan was approved by the State in 2003. Holmes noted that the plan had a draft feasibility study included on how to form a flood control district, and he asked for support from the Board to update this feasibility study. The study includes projects and work programs but no revenue sources.

Davis explained how Yakima County implemented a flood control district by Ordinance, adding an assessment to the tax rolls, and ultimately lowering their NFIP rates. Holmes explained some ways in which a flood control district would benefit Kittitas County. Davis included some examples of benefitting projects also, using the example of the flood-prone Elk Meadows area. Holmes stated that the goal is to reduce or eliminate repetitive losses through means such as fixing levees and purchasing aerial photography for example. Davis stated that tax monies raised could be used as leverage to obtain grant funds which could be used for such things as raising homes, buying out flood plain residents, or flood plain rehabilitation projects. He referenced the City of Centralia's success with just such a program. Holmes stated that the goal is to reduce or eliminate repetitive loss, and recommended an update to the 1996 feasibility analysis.

Board Direction:

Update the 1996 Flood Hazard Management Plan.

**REQUEST TO SET A PUBLIC
HEARING TO CONSIDER A
FRANCHISE FOR HAYWARD
& BETTAS ROADS:**

Kelly Carlson noted that the first Notice of Public Hearing sent to the BOCC for this franchise had the wrong date at the bottom. A corrected copy will be sent over with the correct date (today's date) at the bottom.

Board Direction:

Approved to set a public hearing on the Hayward Road & Bettas Road Franchise.

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 pm



Kirk Holmes
Public Works Director