

# **KITTITAS COUNTY**

## **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

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### **STUDY SESSION MINUTES**

**September 28, 2009**

**THOSE PRESENT:**

Alan Crankovich, Mark McClain, (BOCC), Kirk Holmes, Kelly Carlson, Doug D'Hondt, Christina Wollman, Maria Fischer (DPW) Mandy Weed(CDS) Stephanie Happhold (PROS), Brenda Larsen (FM) Michael Carpenter (MAINT)

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Lindsey Ozbolt, Wayne Nelson, Rich Elliott, Erin Anderson, Joy Potter

**HAYWARD HILL**  
**AGREEMENT:**

Stephanie Happhold explained that the County executed a franchise in March with Horizon Wind Energy, along with a mitigation agreement for the Hayward Hill Road. The BOCC's concerns with the mitigation agreement were presented to Sagebrush Power Partners at that time. Now Sagebrush would like to know where the BOCC stands on the issue. Joy noted that Sagebrush is not contractually obligated to fund potential improvements, but is trying to be a good neighbor. Public Works is supportive of the agreement. Alan stated that he had concerns with the original agreement. Erin Anderson, on behalf of Horizon, noted that access to their facility will be from the North end at Bettas Road, not from the South end at Highway 10, and expressed confusion. Mark stated that he has concerns with life safety issues with potential traffic increases on the lower portion of Hayward. Doug stated that the road could be closed in emergency situations to all but emergency vehicles. Kirk noted that Hayward is a primitive Road and the County has no standards for primitive roads.

**Board Direction:**

**The Board requests the matter be placed on the next study session agenda.**

**FLOOD CONTROL**  
**DISTRICT UPDATE:**

Kirk reported meeting with local agencies and partners to consider alternatives to mitigate flooding in the county without creating an assessment district. Kirk asked the Board for permission to create a flood mitigation task force. There are resources available to the County in coordination with various agencies including WSDOT,

WDFW, NOAA and the DOE. He would like to begin working to identify the issues and partners in this effort and to identify funding sources.

**Board Direction:**

**Move forward with the Task Force.**

**EXTENSION OF  
TEMPORARY POSITIONS:**

Kirk explained that he is requesting an extension of the Upper County Temporary Flagger position as there is more work to do. Alan noted an existing problem with the organizational chart and the flagger/laborer positions, and asked that this be fixed prior to any extension. Mark agreed to extend the position.

**Board Direction:**

**Extend the temporary flagger position in the Upper County, but also work on fixing the organizational chart.**

**UNLAWFUL DETAINER  
AUTHORIZATION:**

Stephanie noted that this item pertains to an Airport Lessee. The County will be filing this week and would like the Board to authorize Kirk Holmes to sign the authorizations as Director. Discussion followed on having the Airport Manager sign.

**Board Direction:**

**The Airport Manager, Kelly Carlson, is authorized to sign.**

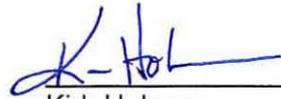
**ENERGY GRANT UPDATES:**

Christina stated that she just received energy audit information from the City for the Morris Sorenson Building. Three projects are involved: replacement of windows for \$30,000., replacement of all lights for \$16,000. (Eligible for a \$7100 rebate), and \$117,000 for work on the heating and cooling system. Grant scoring depends on how much energy can be saved, and the funds have to be used by April 12, 2010.

**Board Direction:**

**Submit all grant applications.**

Meeting adjourned at 1:57 pm



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Kirk Holmes  
Public Works Director