

KITTITAS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

STUDY SESSION MINUTES February 14, 2011

THOSE PRESENT:

Alan Crankovich, Obie O'Brien, Paul Jewell (BOCC), Kirk Holmes, Jan Ollivier, Christina Wollman, Doug D'Hondt, Maria Fischer, (PW), Dan Valoff, Mandy Weed (CDS), Neil Caulkins (PROS), Brenda Larsen, (FM)

GUESTS PRESENT:

Vernon Swesey, Allison Kimball, Anna Nelson, Jeff Slothower, Lindsey Ozbolt, Mitch Williams, Marc Kirkpatrick, Jan Sharar, Rich Elliot, Jason Smith, Jill Arango, Pat Deneen, Chad Bala

MEETING SCHEDULE:

Discussion followed on the meeting schedule for Monday study sessions. Alan suggested that as things have picked up, weekly meetings could be done on a trial basis for 90 days. Discussion followed on when to send out the study session agenda.

Board Direction:

Start weekly Monday study sessions with the February 28th meeting.

FIRE MARSHAL: UPDATE ON TITLE 20, FIRE & LIFE SAFETY CODE FOR FIRE FLOW REQUIREMENTS IN RURAL AREAS:

Brenda presented a draft updated code for fire flow requirements in rural areas and asked for comments. She stated that her office is trying to get in line with the adopted International Fire Code. Alan added that this has been an ongoing discussion for several years, and homes are being placed where they never were before, with Fire Department response times being much slower to these outlying areas. Tender credits, on-site storage tanks and sprinkler systems were all discussed. Suggestions came from the audience on how to handle this issue. Brenda noted that she can contact the ICC for a determination if storage tanks in specific locations would meet the intent of the Code. Alan asked that she provide a map showing all Fire District facility locations in the County. In a long discussion, exemptions were discussed, as were pre-approved fire suppression systems.

Board Direction:

Fire Marshall to collect comments from the community, and provide the Board a map showing

locations of all fire stations in the county. Bring this issue back to the Board/

**FLOOD TASK FORCE
UPDATE & TECHNICAL MEMO
RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Kirk stated that the Flood Task Force Technical Advisory Group would like to form a Citizens Advisory Committee to study the creation of a Flood Control Zone. He passed out a Technical Memorandum and invited the Board to comment. Discussion followed on the composition of the proposed citizens group.

Board Direction:

Board considering presented materials. Place on February 28th Study Session agenda.

**CITY TO CANYON TRAILS
COMMITTEE LETTER TO
COMMISSIONERS:**

Kirk stated that this is a request that a scope of work be prepared for the Hansen Pits reclamation master plan. This request would entail spending \$25,000 of County Trail funds to come up with a Master Plan for the area for public use. Alan stated that the County needs to maintain the ability to utilize the area to stockpile materials, etc.

Board Direction:

Bring back a scope of work and request for qualifications that do not include paying out administrative fees to another agency.

**KITTITAS COUNTY/WSDOT
PARTNER PROJECT US97
& DRY CREEK:**

Kirk stated that WSDOT is going to replace an under-size box culvert on US97 at Dry Creek with a bridge, and would like to utilize Lower Green Canyon Road in that location as a levee by elevating the road. This would be at WSDOT's expense. The project would necessitate replacing McManamy Road Bridge as the current structurally deficient bridge would not handle the resulting increases in water volume. WSDOT would clear the environmental permits for the McManamy bridge replacement (about a \$10,000 cost according to Doug).

Board Direction:

Move forward with the project.

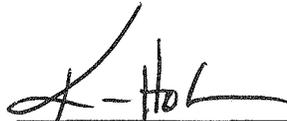
**ROAD STANDARDS
UPDATE:**

Jan presented the Board with a White Paper on the Road Standards Update. She is asking the Board to allow Public Works to begin the public involvement process. Jan explained that the current road standards contain flaws and major recurring issues. The County has a \$10,000.00 planning Grant from QUADCO for the updating of the standards. A consultant would be hired to handle the public involvement end, which would include presentation materials, web updates, open houses and group presentations. The funds have to be spent prior to the end of May.

Board Direction:

Move forward with the update process.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.



Kirk Holmes
Public Works Director