

# KITTITAS COUNTY

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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### STUDY SESSION MINUTES

April 25, 2011

**THOSE PRESENT:**

Alan Crankovich, Paul Jewell, Obie O'Brien (BOCC), Kirk Holmes, Doug D'Hondt, Jan Ollivier, Christina Wollman, Maria Fischer (DPW), Dan Valoff, (CDS).

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Wayne Nelson, Catherine Clerf, Mark Teske, Urban Eberhardt, Pat Deneen, Chad Bala, Brent Mellergaard, Del Knudson, Mark Charlton, Chuck Cruse

**AGENDA CHANGES:**

Doug asked to add "Jeffries Levee Repair Documents" to the CDS agenda, with action anticipated. He requested the BOCC sign a real estate certification and a cooperation agreement with the Army Corps of Engineers for the levee work.

Kirk asked to pull item #2 – County Cartographer – from the agenda.

**HAYWARD ROAD-  
MAINTENANCE OBJECTIVES:**

Kirk stated that this is a follow up to a field trip taken out to Hayward Road with Fire District #1 of Thorp and several Commissioners to look at the status of this primitive road and discuss minor maintenance improvements. Kirk would like to have an understanding that County Crews will do ditching and culvert improvements, and add spot gravel to Hayward Road. Paul raised the issue of making Hayward Road emergency access only. Discussion followed on the pros and cons of an "emergency access only" road, and on additional signage.

**Board Direction:**

**No Direction.**

**ROAD STANDARDS-  
CITIZENS COMMITTEE:**

Paul noted that the Board requested this item be on the agenda. Jan passed out a sheet titled "Stakeholder Outreach Ideas". She reported on the two public meetings held last week on the updates, and added in what manner interested parties were notified of these meetings. About forty comments were received, but some people wanted further comment opportunities, or one-on-one meetings. Jan discussed the time frames that forming a stakeholders'

committee could take, and the time frame in which the grant funds have to be spent. Doug added that this is not a wholesale revision of the road standards, just an attempt to clear up some confusing language and update some items. He added that comments are still being taken and there are two more scheduled public meetings. Christina noted that the 2001-2004 work on the road standards included utility standard updates, and this update does not. Discussion followed. Urban Eberhart stated that this is a bad time to ask farmers to participate as they are very busy. Alan noted that the County is trying to place some Fire Code and access issues in place with the Road Standards that it has not had time to add until now. Discussion followed on the make-up and number of members of a stakeholder committee. After further discussion it was decided to send invitations to the Farm Bureau, the Home Builders Association, Pat Deneen (who asked to be included), and an Environmental Group. The committee should also include a citizen representative and someone from the water purveyors.

**Board Direction:**

**Engage the Stakeholder Committee immediately, even though farmers may not be able to participate until July, and begin working through the issues, with the goal of coming back to the Board in the fall.**

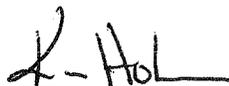
**FLOOD CONTROL ZONE**  
**DISTRICT – CITIZENS**  
**ADVISORY COMMITTEE:**

Kirk reported that 8 people applied for the Citizens' Advisory Committee. He plans on action to form the committee at the next agenda session.

**Board Direction:**

**No Direction.**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:23 p.m.



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Kirk Holmes  
Public Works Director