



KITTITAS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

STUDY SESSION MINUTES

October 24, 2011

THOSE PRESENT:

Alan Crankovich, Obie O'Brien, Paul Jewell (BOCC), Kirk Holmes, Jan Ollivier, Christina Wollman, Doug, D'Hondt, Candie Leader (DPW), Dan Valoff, Mandy Weed (CDS), Brenda Larsen (FM)

GUESTS PRESENT:

Catherine Clerf, D.J. Evans, Vernon Swesey, Wayne Nelson

Kirk noted one change to the Public Works Agenda: the removal of Flood Control Zone District Update

BOCC & CHAIR SIGNATURE ON AIRPORT PAVING PROJECT DRAWINGS:

Doug requested Chair signature on the plans for the Airport Paving Project. Paul mentioned that in the past the Project Manager had signed the plans. Doug felt that since the signature line read Chair Signature that he would present them to be signed. Motion was made and seconded for Chair signature to the Airport Paving Project Plans.

Board Direction:

Plans Signed. No Board Direction

WDFW RULE CHANGE PROPOSAL:

Doug presented some examples of changes in WDFW rules for levees and bridges. The impacts will affect how future projects and maintenance of current structures are handled. It is a lengthy document and he hasn't been able to complete a full review. Discussion was held on the funding impacts and Doug will give another update after his full review is completed.

Board Direction:

When review is finished draft a letter to WDFW for Board signature.

SPEED STUDY UPDATE:

Jan was present to give updates on speed studies that were conducted on Umptanum, Klocke and Naneum Roads. The studies show leaving Umptanum and Klocke Roads at the posted speed limits and a curve study was conducted on Naneum Road resulting in curve warning signs being placed. She also reported on the Vantage Hwy/Pfenning Road intersection and there was not a huge difference in traffic numbers since the last study. She recommends looking at this intersection annually. Obie asked if our department had received any feedback on the speed reduction on Reecer Creek Road and Jan stated that we had not.

Board Direction:

No Board Direction

ROAD STANDARDS:

Christina stated that 2 weeks ago the second access discussion took place and we are checking in to see if the Board had a chance to review the subject in that time frame. Paul said that he did look at the fire code and also met with Brenda and Kirk on the issue. The code does state the sprinkler issue and the lot numbers referenced. He felt that the law had to be followed. Brenda strongly encourages a cap on the number of lots to be allowed and have some perimeters set on the issue. The point was made that it is not just a fire issue in regards to the second access. There are other emergencies and natural occurrences that could provide problems for emergency personnel in arriving to assist in these types of situations. Discussion was held.

Board Direction:

The Road Standards Committee should meet again and set regulations on the issues discussed.



Kirk Holmes
Public Works Director