



KITTITAS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

STUDY SESSION MINUTES April 9, 2012

THOSE PRESENT:

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

GUESTS PRESENT:

Catherine Clerf, Chad Bala, Dave Nelson, Gary Maughan, Anna Lael, Anna Nelson, Lila Hansen, Mark Teske

YAKIMA CANYON R/W NEAR UMPTANUM, (MAUGHAN):

Alan noted that Dave Nelson submitted additional materials for the BOCC to review, AND Neil Caulkins will ALSO have to review these. Neil explained that a level of use would have to be provided for the access: that would be the first step. Then it would move to Federal Court for litigation which could take all of Neil's time for one or two years. Does the Board really want to spend that kind of money? Paul asked for a quick refresher on this item. Maughan stated that he has no other access to his property than use of the river. The BLM gives him sporadic permission to use their access. Paul asked if Maughan has tried to pursue other access options. Maughan stated that he has made contact with Forterra about a conservation easement. Paul noted that he knows that the BLM is interested in talking about this with Maughan. Maughan will talk to his attorney and get back with the Board Chair.

Board Direction:

Maughan to pursue further discussion with the BLM re: access across BLM land.

HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE AND REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Christina Wollman presented a Power Point presentation on the status of the HMP. A draft plan was just released last week. This is the only opportunity for the Board and the public to comment. She gave some background on the process. Thirty six various Districts in the County were invited to participate and 12 completed their portion of the plan. The plan is in 2 volumes and has a 5 year

performance period. Wollman outlined each volume. Comments are due in by April 16th, then the plan is sent to EMD and FEMA for approval. Meanwhile the County will adopt the plan by Resolution. After we adopt it we can apply for grant funds for mitigation measures. The Board noted that the comment time frame is too short. Discussion followed. Kirk explained that the short comment window is due to the short window in which to apply for funds for mitigation in this year's cycle of funding.

Board Direction:

Extend the comment period one additional week.

**HANSEN PITS MASTER
PLANNING:**

Kirk presented aerial and Lidar photos of the Hansen Pits area with the scope of work shown on them. The existing levee and a potential setback levee are shown. Doug D'Hondt explained a graph of the current flow conditions on the Yakima River taken from the river gauge at Umtanum. He explained that moving the levee will allow for lower river velocity and provide flood storage. A portion of the existing levee materials will also be used for paths and trails. Other areas of the site could be used for educational purposes. The KCCD is working on this also. The Operating Engineers Union has been contacted about performing the levee move. A Memorandum of Understanding with the Operating Engineers is at the prosecutor's office for review. Also we will create more wetlands than we destroy, and the DOE has agreed to do the wetlands permitting for the County. In the meantime, if there is a flood emergency, the Army Corps of Engineers will come in and do the levee move themselves. This could be a potential project for the FCZD. Discussion followed. Mark Teske asked about the infrastructure in the ground. Discussion followed about increasing the flood plain further, but Kirk noted that the County is in partnership with the City of Ellensburg for recreational use for this area. Also there is a spray-field out there for waste water and a large gas main in the area that requires protection.

Board Direction:

No direction.

**MANASTASH CREEK
CORRIDOR ASSESSMENT –
ROAD DEPT. PARTICIPATION:**

Kirk reported the KCCD put in for funding for this project and there is currently \$150,000 available. Public Works has 7 structures on the road, and ¾ of a mile of County road is directly impacted by the creek boundary. One new creek crossing is in the design phase now. Kirk asked the

Board how they felt about Public Works participating in this project, as there is real value in it. \$200,000 would pay for the assessment of the entire reach. Anna Lael from KCCD noted that this project will move very fast.

Board Direction:

The Board agrees with Public Works participation in the Manastash Creek Corridor Assessment.

**ROAD STANDARDS
UPDATE:**

Christina passed out a new proposal for the second access requirements, which she summarized. The Fire Code will also be amended so that it meshes with the Road Standards. The total number of lots on each road will be considered. The plan is to go back to the Citizens' Advisory Committee with this, then hopefully forward it to the Planning Commission. In response to a Board question, Christina noted that Neil Caulkins has been at all of the meetings for this issue.

Board Direction:

The Board will consider the proposal for 2 weeks. Place it on the next Study Session agenda prior to the Planning Commission considering it.

**DISTRESSED SALES &
USE TAX DIRECTION:**

Kirk passed out spreadsheets of the Sales & Use Tax funding, stating that it is time to advertise for applications for funding from this source. The State budget will affect the final numbers of available funding. He asked Board permission to advertise for applications. Discussion followed.

Board Direction:

Advertise for applications for Sales & Use Tax Funding.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm



Kirk Holmes
Public Works Director