



KITTITAS COUNTY

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

STUDY SESSION MINUTES

June 11, 2012

THOSE PRESENT:

Alan Crankovich, Paul Jewell, Kirk Holmes, Christina Wollman, Candie Leader (DPW), Doc Hansen, Mandy Weed, Anna Nelson, Dan Valoff (CDS)

GUESTS PRESENT:

Catherine Clerf, Lindsey Ozbolt, Pat Deneen, Jill Arango, Seth Walker, Brooke Walker, Robert Kruse (Friends of Wildlife and Windpower) and Mike Ritter (WDFW)

Two additions were made to the agenda – Flood Control Zone District and Western Governors Association Meeting

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT
AT NANEUM PONDS:

Seth Walker was present to request permission from the BOCC to construct two picnic tables to be placed under the picnic shelter constructed by his brother as a fulfillment of his Eagle Scout duties. Commissioner Jewell questioned if the picnic tables would be purchased or built for the project and if the tables will be inspected after construction. Seth replied that he found plans for the tables and will be constructing them himself. Kirk added that our department would look over the tables and Seth's brother's structure is holding up very well. It is also the intent for the tables to be donated to the facility. Commissioner Jewell made a motion to approve the project and the motion was seconded.

Board Direction:

Motion made, seconded and passed for Seth Walker to construct picnic tables with the intent of donation at the Naneum Pond facility.

AVIAN MONITORING
UPDATE AND DECISION:

Christina presented the avian monitoring update along with a presentation of the report for the Vantage Wind Farm. The monitoring was a condition of the SEPA for the construction of the turbines and the Technical Advisory Committee recommends after reviewing the report to discontinue the monitoring and to hold additional meetings to find alternative methods of monitoring to be conducted a later dates. Discussion was held on the scientific methods of reporting the death rates of birds, types of species found and the formula at which it is all calculated. Robert Kruse

with Friends of Wildlife and Wind Power asked that the monitoring continue and that this project is unique in where there are water sources available to birds in the area. His group would like to see the monitoring continue for another year. Commissioner Jewell questioned what the TAC is waiting for from the Board and Christina answered that they would like direction from the Board on the continuation of the study and also the TAC would like to explore the idea of other methods of studies. At that time the Board could give their thoughts on the new method of reporting.

Board Direction:

Motion made to accept the TAC recommendation to suspend the monitoring and TAC has the ability to make decisions on further studies and report back to the BOCC on those findings. Motion seconded and passed.

**FEMA REPORT ON
NFIP PROGRAM:**

Kirk gave a brief summary of some changes that FEMA is considering for the NFIP program. They are complex changes and Kirk offered the information to the Board of County Commissioners for their review if they are interested in reviewing it.

Board Direction:

No Direction

**CAMPAIGN SIGNS IN
COUNTY RIGHT OF WAY:**

Kirk reported that the Public Works office has been receiving calls regarding campaign signs in the county road right of way. He will be handling these calls himself and taking action if necessary. Commissioner Crankovich stated that a sign in the right of way is a clear code violation. His suggestion was to contact the persons involved and give them 5 days to remove the sign after that Public Works can remove the sign and contact the owner for pick up at the office or county shop. Commissioner Jewell agrees to enforce the code.

Board Direction:

Enforce County Code in regards to the signs in the county road right of way.

**GARBAGE SERVICE AT
GRANT COUNTY PUD –
VANTAGE BOAT RAMP:**

Kirk and staff have been making site visits to the boat ramp in Vantage. It is apparent that citizens of Vantage are disposing of personal garbage in the dumpster that is provided for users of the boat ramp. Grant County PUD and the County pay for the dumpster to be at the boat

ramp for recreational users only. Staff will continue to monitor the situation and will keep the Board informed.

Board Direction:

Keep Board informed of situation.

**FLOOD CONTROL ZONE
DISTRICT:**

The public hearings are coming up for the Flood Control Zone District and Kirk stated that he and staff will provide a short presentation on the public outreach, assessment information and it will be kept short and concise. Staff will provide the BOCC with material ahead of time for review prior to the actual hearings.

Board Direction:

None

**WESTERN GOVERNORS
ASSOC. MEETING AT
SUNCADIA:**

Kirk was able to attend the Western Governors Association meeting that was held at Suncadia over the weekend. He was part of a tour that was given of the Snoqualmie Pass East Project and found that many had interest in the County's role in the project and had questions related to recreational and tourism activities.

Board Direction:

None



Kirk Holmes
Public Works Director