



KITTITAS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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BOARD OF KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

STUDY SESSION MINUTES February 10, 2003

THOSE PRESENT: Max Golladay, Bruce Coe, Paul Bennett, Kelly Carlson

BOWERS ROAD EXTENSION: Paul updated the BOCC that the SEPA appeal period is complete and NO appeals were received. Paul would like to put this on the March 4, 2003, agenda under Board discussion and ask for permission to begin the right-of-way acquisition & plans. Paul also stated that he would need a decision from the BOCC regarding the alignment of the last 500' of roadway to the west. Out of the two options Paul will come forward with the recommendation for the southerly alignment.

On the wetland issue, the COE stated that it is o.k. for us to mitigate and Paul would like to consider the mitigation to take place at Hanson ponds. There is a concern that the DOE would like to assume jurisdiction over any wetland created by over irrigation. If DOE demands jurisdiction, Paul is prepared to stop the project. This decision could have a huge impact on the valley.

BUILDING PERMITS: Paul stated that as the current code reads it is very difficult for him to determine when a permit should be issued. He feels that Public Works and EDS should work together to clarify the policy on this. In the code it is not clear there needs to be a road built before the permit is issued. Paul said he would work with David Taylor to establish a policy. Bruce expressed concerns over people building on a lot before a designated road is located. Several options were discussed, with bonding being the top issue. Paul stated that he would come up with a couple of different scenario's and present to the BOCC.

CONGRESSIONAL REQUEST: TEA-21 is requesting counties to insert a project as a demonstration project. Paul is unsure that we have a project that would fit into this category. He will research and give options next Monday. Max asked about the City of Kittitas bridge.

CENTRAL WASHINGTON HOME BUILDERS: Paul stated that he will be guest speaking at the next meeting on the Road Standards revisions. It will take place on February 19, 2003, at the Rodeo City BBQ

'CANYON FOR A DAY' REQUEST: Paul is concerned about a trend starting that could cause multiple closures of the canyon. Ultimately this is the State's decision, and there is no County involvement, but Paul may submit some comments on his concerns and find out what the thresholds are for the States decisions on requests of this nature.

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SIGN VANDALISM: Paul informed the BOCC that some counties are instilling fines for sign vandalism and offering rewards for anyone turning another in. It is costing Kittitas County thousands of dollars a year to repair/replace signs due to vandalism.

ROAD STANDARDS: Paul informed the BOCC that he has scheduled another meeting with the Citizen's Advisory Committee to review the revised standards. The revision has been sent out to all members. Pauls plan is to give a brief synopsis of how the review will go this go round.

Adjourned at 3:40



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