



KITTITAS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

STUDY SESSION MINUTES June 8, 2009

THOSE PRESENT:

Alan Crankovich, Mark McClain, Paul Jewell (BOCC), Kirk Holmes, Kelly Carlson, Doug D'Hondt, Jan Ollivier, Maria Fischer (DPW), Dan Valhoff, Mandy Weed (CDS), Stephanie Happold (PROS).

GUESTS PRESENT:

Lindsey Ozbolt, Pat Deneen, Chad Bala, Dave Nelson, Kelly Larimer.

Flood Control District:

Kirk Holmes stated that he would like the Board's input prior to continuing an analysis of the benefits of a County Flood Control District; he has a copy of a 1996 Resolution approving a Comprehensive Flood Management Plan which outlines a significant work effort relating to mitigating and eliminating some flood hazards. Other areas need to be included, and the 1996 work was never followed up on. Kirk stated that flooding affects everyone in the County, and there are no dedicated resources to do any public education on flooding. He would like to continue the analysis. Discussion followed on how much funding we will be receiving from FEMA for the January flood damage. Commissioner McClain noted that he is opposed to taxing for a flood control district. Kirk explained the National Flood Insurance Program. Doug D'Hondt added comments on levee repair funding being non-existent and the loss of the ability to deepen streambeds to contain the streams. Discussion followed on the need for ongoing work updating flood maps. Alan noted that the January, 2009 flood had unexpected new areas of flooding. Paul stated he would like to see a more thorough analysis. Both Paul and Alan were disturbed that the 1996 flood planning was not followed up on.

Board Direction:

Continue with the analysis of a flood control district and with updating the 1996 report. Keep the BOCC informed on progress.

Grant County PUD Relicensing:

Kirk introduced Kelly Larimer of Grant County PUD. She stated that she is their Lands Manager and explained their licensing requirement calls for development of several recreation sites. There will also be opportunities for

partnering on projects and events. Discussion followed on what Kittitas County pays for the upkeep of the Vantage Boat Launch.

Board Direction:

No direction.

**Teanaway Road
FHWA Funding:**

Jan Ollivier gave an update on the progress of the grant application for Forest Highway Funds to do work on the Teanaway and North Fork Teanaway Road. The County met on site with the funding agency and Kittitas County's application is close to the top. Jan explained this 13 mile project for which the County is asking \$11 million from Forest Highway Funds. We will know on July 1st if the application made the final cut. Doug noted that construction would begin in 2013 and may include work on several bridges and the softening of curves. CRAB was also present at the site visit, and help may also be forthcoming from them for this project. Doug added that all were very complimentary of Jan's application. Kirk noted that the Salmon la Sac Road appears to be headed towards reconstruction, finally.

Board Direction:

No direction.

**Travel Authorization-
Out of State Travel:**

Jan Ollivier explained why Jeff Watson will be attending an EDEN Users Group meeting in Oregon City, Oregon. She was asked to explain what the EDEN permit system is; Jan noted that EDEN has capabilities the County has not tapped and that Watson has been designated our EDEN specialist. The money for this meeting is in the budget.

Board Direction

Approved Request.

**Confirm Application for CDBG
Funds for Industrial St.Park
Improvements:**

Jan stated that this is the only ARRA Funds application that has been confirmed with a request to submit the request.

Board Direction

Signature of application approved.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm



Kirk Holmes
Public Works Director