



KITTITAS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

STUDY SESSION MINUTES

March 28, 2011

THOSE PRESENT:

Alan Crankovich, Paul Jewell, Obie O'Brien (BOCC), Kirk Holmes, Kelly Carlson, Candie Leader (DPW)

GUESTS PRESENT:

Ron Cridlebaugh, Bob Hansen, Bruce Tabb, JJ Collins, Charlotte Tullos (EDBA), Catherine Clerf

Paul Jewell opened the study session and noted that the Suncadia item will be removed and set for a later date.

AIRPORT PROPERTY MARKETING:

The EDBA would like to help the county in marketing the industrial area to attract businesses to the area.

Kelly handed out a packet of information to the BOCC and guests in response to Ron Cridlebaugh and the EDBA's questions regarding leasing/buying property at Bowers Field. Kelly then briefly discussed the history of Bowers Field, how the county acquired it and the benefit of the industrial area to the airport. The property is zoned Light Industrial and there is a Binding Site Plan to identify leasable sites. Another question was the utilities in the area and Kelly answered that there are 3 power companies in the area that service the airport – City of Ellensburg, Kittitas County PUD and Puget Sound Energy. There is also natural gas available. After further question and answer session Kelly outlined the process of leasing and the time frame involving permitting and the FAA involvement in the process. Kelly also felt that there was a time when all the improvements were going on that the industrial area was not ready to be marketable. Now that projects are being completed it would be a great time to start this. Kirk would like to see some action on the marketing. If the county had something to hand out to people and update the website. Bruce Tabb suggested that the county and EDBA work jointly on this. Al thought that at this point we should revisit this in a month after Kelly has had time to get the financials figured out for the airport fund and Paul added that he'd like to form a work group of county employees, EDBA members, BOCC and involve the Airport Advisory Committee to formulate a plan and recommendations for how to proceed. Kelly will come up with a committee list and get it formed in two weeks.

Board Direction:

Form a work group within two weeks and meet again at that time.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:34 p.m.



Kirk Holmes
Public Works Director