KITTITAS COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
Paul D. Bennett, P.E., Director

STUDY SESSION MINUTES
March 3, 2003

THOSE PRESENT: Max Golladay, Bruce Coe, Perry Huston, Mary Burke, David Taylor, Paul Bennett, Kelly Carlson

BURKE DITCH: Paul stated that the Agreement with the Burkes for the culver relocation has not had appropriate legal review. Mr. Larry Martin is asking that all departments involved combine their comments into one before submitting to him. Paul started to go through the document and state his concerns. His first concern was the 60' R/W for the ditch, he would like to insert "for ditch purposes". Mary Burke stated that the county doesn't have the right to restrict the use, but agreed with the insert. Paul then stated that the June completion date is a concern, things may not be able to be completed by that date. Mary Burke stated that they would be willing to work with that date if needed. There were also some fill issues that Paul was concerned with. Jim Hurson stopped in and highly recommended to the BOCC that we NOT sign this agreement, and that he needs further review to give an accurate recommendation. Paul thought that all of these pipes are bundled in one location, and Mary Burke explained that it is the County's responsibility to be sure these get put into the Utility Corridor. Perry asked if all of the lines crossed at the same spot, and Paul thought they did. Bruce suggested that contingent upon the moratorium being lifted that all lines needed to be placed in the Utility Corridor. Perry stated that he will no longer support a conditional approval on any plat. The BOCC suggested that Paul excavate and cap all pipes, seal with betanite so no domestic water can cross except in one spot. The BOCC directed Paul to clean-up/modify the agreement with the Burkes and resubmit to Larry Martin and Jim Hurson.

BOWERS WETLANDS: Paul stated that he had met with the DOE, and Planning to discuss the wetland issues on Bowers Road project. He stated that the DOE is trying to take jurisdiction regionally over wetlands created through over-irrigation. David Taylor stated that the DOE has NO jurisdiction over this and the County will move forward with project without recognizing the DOE's issues.

NO. 6 ROAD LAWSUIT: Paul stated that the No. 6 Road lawsuit with Palmer Burris is underway and that he was subpoenaed today to give a deposition.

ROAD STANDARDS: Paul informed the BOCC that they had the second meeting of the Advisory group and it went well other than the group is still choosing to not have any standards for private roads. There is one meeting left before the document goes before the planning commission.

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