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

STUDY SESSION MINUTES
April 19, 2004

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

ROAD STANDARDS – Paul stated that with the first public hearing regarding the road standards coming up there has been no comments up to this point. He asked the Boards guidance on how he should respond at the hearing. Perry asked that Paul use the Staff Report to present all of his comments.
Paul stated that there were some items that were taken out of the road standards document that would better fit in the subdivision code. In doing this it has left gaps in the document, but Perry stated that there have been gaps in the document before so he sees this as no issue. The Board discussed the status of the subdivision code and what the proposed schedule is.

BOARD DIRECTION: No Board Direction

BULLFROG ROAD CONSTRUCTION: Paul stated that the bridge project is going well. MtStar has submitted their construction plans for the various projects along Bullfrog Road and they are not even close to 100% complete. Since the road is closed Paul feels they are missing a huge opportunity to be in construction mode. Paul asked the BOCC if they want to assume some risk and let MtStar go ahead with construction without 100% plans. The County road standards will still apply, and Paul expects them to have 100% plans within 2 weeks after the start of construction. Bruce expressed concerns regarding partiality towards MtStar, and Paul stated that this is a very unique situation and it is for the good of the Citizens of Kittitas County to get this construction completed during the road closure.
Paul stated that they will also have to submit a letter of credit from their bank, and a letter from George Cockill stating that their engineering firm will provide the 100% plans within a certain time.

BOARD DIRECTION: BOCC approved going forward with plans we have and be sure to get a letter of credit from the bank, and a letter from Mr. Cockill regarding the plans and CC the letter to the BOCC.

PARKE CREEK ROAD CHANGE ORDER: Paul stated that there is a portion of Parke Creek road that has no base and is going to have to be dug down about 2 feet and replaced with quarry spalls. This change in work will result in a $250K change order but it couldn't be helped.
Paul also stated that the contractor Copenhaver Construction is doing a great job. There is one issue with a landowner, Jack Cleff, regarding irrigation but we are working together to solve it.

BOARD DIRECTION: No Board Direction

GRANT CO PUD AGREEMENT: Paul stated that this agreement is for the maintenance of the Vantage boat launch and the county will be able to get reimbursed from this agreement.

BOARD DIRECTION: No Board Direction.
BPA/MASLONKA LEASE (SADDLE MT. PIT) - Paul stated that this lease is for a staging area for the construction of the BPA lines and will have all the materials for construction and will also have helicopters flying in and out. Paul stated that Bill Hinkle had called John Nixon asking of the lease could be expedited and we had told him no, that we have legal requirements when leasing county land. Paul asked the BOCC if there were political issues and if there was pressure to get this through quickly. Perry stated that there is absolutely no pressure, just follow the legal requirements as usual.

BOARD DIRECTION: The BOCC directed Paul to go forward as we would any other county land lease.

Adjourned at 2:20

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