STUDY SESSION MINUTES
May 10, 2004

THOSE PRESENT: Perry Huston, Bruce Coe, Jim Hurson, Jim Van de Venter, Steve Lathrop, Jim Denison, Paul Bennett, Kelly Carlson

TRAP & SKEET CLUB – Paul stated that the Yakima County Court ruled against Kittitas County in court regarding the Trap & Skeet Club Appeal. Jim Hurson stated that the Judge ruled that the environmental review was fatally flawed in the sound analysis. He stated that what he thought she was going for was for us to look at alternate locations for the gun club. Steve Lathrop thoughts on the ruling were that the Judge perceived that the area had changed and that a residential standing must be provided.
Perry Huston stated that he is willing to appeal the decision, and if we have to will find an alternate location on the Airport. Steve Lathrop stated that timing is an issue since Carmody is not going to write an order, Jim Hurson and Jim Denison will need to write the order of what they think was said in order to appeal.
Paul stated that there are two options for relocation: 1) Move Club further South of where they currently exist. 2) Re-aim the club to shoot a different direction.
Steve Lathrop suggested that we turn our backs on the decision and move the club, do a CUP and have another chance at another appeal with a different judge. Jim Denison stated that the risk of appealing is that you would have a formal decision that you would have to live with and if it isn’t favorable your stuck.
Perry suggested we take a sound reading to the south and consider shifting the gun club to the south, either way we will get people who don’t want it there, and will probably face another appeal.

BOARD DIRECTION: Start process to move the gun club 400’ south of where they currently exist and run some sound tests. Hire a consultant to run the official sound tests in that area so Paul will have no involvement with them. The BOCC directed Paul to stay involved as an Airport Manager. Paul will not have any involvement in the SEPA, that will be the responsibility of the gun club.

AIRPORT ISSUES:
Turbine Aircraft Pattern Altitude – This pattern is affected by the Desert Claim project and the FAA would see it as an obstruction that is penetrating airspace. Paul stated that only the Category “D” aircraft are affected by these towers and is has been proposed to change the pattern altitude for Category “D” only to 1500’. Steve Lathrop was concerned that if we did this that there could be a possibility of eliminating the instrument approach. Paul stated that the Airport Advisory Committee had met with the Desert Claim rep. and had motioned to go forward with the pattern altitude change. Perry asked if this was a good thing for the airport even if the wind towers weren’t coming in and Paul stated that the Advisory Committee agreed that it was.

BOARD DIRECTION: Approved Paul to begin process/paperwork to change the pattern altitude for Category “D” aircraft only. Also, check with Midstate’s Ron Mitchell on
the concern of losing an instrument approach if the pattern altitude is changed.

**MOUNTAINSTAR CONSTRUCTION:** Paul stated that the BOCC had signed the resolution to ratify their decision to allow MtStar to go forward with construction without 100% design plans and that a letter of credit or bond would be required instead. Paul stated that he had yet to receive the letter of credit and found out he may not get it until the end of the week. He would like the BOCC's guidance as to whether they would like to allow MtStar to go forward with work without the letter of credit. They do have a performance bond from Hap Taylor, the contractor doing the work. Steve Lathrop stated that the hold up on the letter is that the L.A. bank does not trust that our local bank can give back these amounts of funds when needed.

**BOARD DIRECTION:** Approved to allow MtStar to move forward with performance bond only and begin construction. Steve Lathrop stated that the County would have a letter of credit by the end of the week.

**CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:**

**Bullfrog Road Bridge:** So far the project is on schedule and going well. Paul stated that there will be a change order coming for this project for additional asphalt to be placed.

**Canyon Road:** Project is on schedule. On May 17, 2004, the contractor will begin rubbling the existing road and hope that it will produce good material to use in the road bed.

**Parke Creek:** Paul stated that the contractor will be finishing up the base course and plan to pave on May 24, 2004. He also noted that there could be a possible claim for damages from Bob Dodge for water damage to one of his field of potatoes, we'll have to wait and see.

**BOARD DIRECTION:** No Board Direction

**FIRE DISTRICT:** Paul stated that the Public Works had been contacted on Friday by Kittcom/Sheriffs Department to assist in a fire off of Durr Road in the Umptanum. They stated that this area is not in any fire district so no one would respond and would like the Public Works to bring a water truck up. Perry stated that the PWorks is not a fire department and we are not to respond or assist. He asked if we had an inter-local agreement with them for this kind of support and Paul stated he would look into it.

**BOARD DIRECTION:** Public Works is not a fire suppression operation, not even tankers, and that Road levy funds should not be used to support the Fire District.

Adjourned at 2:50

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