STUDY SESSION MINUTES  
May 17, 2004  

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

UTILITY MANUAL – Paul stated that a couple of meetings had already taken place in the past regarding this manual and there were only a couple of issues that came up and it had to do with the placement of conduit when the county road is cut. The contractors did not want to place conduit in the cut road for the county. Paul asked how the BOCC would like him to proceed with this document, and Perry said to clean up the existing document and send forward for comment. He also stated that he doesn’t want this document to go backwards and to just move forward with the issues we already know exist, i.e. irrigation. Perry also stated that this will in fact be passed as an ordinance.  

BOARD DIRECTION:  Clean up the document and send out for comment as written.  

C.O.E. IRRIGATION CANALS:  Paul brought up some legislature regarding the Talent Decision and the Corp of Engineers taking jurisdiction of irrigation canals that receive water from streams, lakes and ones that divert water to streams and creeks. Perry stated that the Corp is already doing this but now they have a written opinion on it and he feels there will be no difference. Paul stated that there could be permitting issues if this happens, especially since this issue may get stronger because they do have an opinion.  

BOARD DIRECTION:  Directed Paul to keep an eye on the legislation and get background research from WSDOT on how this came about.  

CANYON ROAD UPDATE:  Paul wanted to follow up on the phone call on Friday regarding PSE and the Canyon Road project. He stated that they started rubblizing and PSE was concerned about their low pressure buried line since there had been no preparation for this, just the high pressure line. They proposed for the County to remove one lane of concrete instead of rubblizing and they would pick up the tab which Paul said would be about $1 million. After hearing the cost PSE decided that it wasn’t as big of an issue as they had initially led on. Paul stated that at that point he is sending a letter to PSE regarding all that was said in this conversation and in turn they will submit a letter to the County acknowledging it. They also stated that they will have monitors onsite checking their infrastructure during the rubblization.  

BOARD DIRECTION:  No Board Direction.  

TRANSPORTATION PLAN:  Paul stated that all proposals for the Transportation Plan had been received as of May 14, 2004 (cut-off date). He stated he would like to form a committee and the committee would then vote a chair to head the committee. Perry stated that the first phase of this plan would be a technical-only phase and should involve only technical people, i.e. County Public Works, City Public Works, & City of Cle Elum. Perry said that initially we would need to
identify logical corridors, look at the roads we have, the ones we need that we don't have and the ones we don't need. Then once this is complete you would bring in the other “players”. Paul stated that the Counties Transportation Plans are going to start linking to funding and if you are not part of a transportation plan your funding may be limited.

**BOARD DIRECTION:** Phase I, technical personnel only, identify logical corridors, look at the roads we have, the ones we need that we don't have and the ones we don't need. Prior to going to phase II bring to the BOCC for review.

**BULLFROG ROAD VACATION:** Paul stated that he had met with Jack Wadkins and he agrees with the vacation but feels he should pay nothing for the land he is getting from the county. Jeff Anderson is also in agreement with the vacation but feels the appraisal is too low. Paul feels that the public hearing will not close tomorrow since there will be more research that needs to be done on the prices for land. Paul stated that for now we will go with a possession in use so we can start the construction.

**BOARD DIRECTION:** No Board Direction.

Adjourned at 2:30

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