TUESDAY                  4:00 P.M.          MARCH 15, 2005

Board members present: Chairman Perry D. Huston, Vice-Chairman David Bowen & Commissioner Alan Crankovich.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Paul Bennett, Public Works Director; Kelly Carlson, Public Works Administrative Assistant; Sande DeSalles, Fair Director and approximately 4 members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING      FEE INCREASE         FAIR

At approximately 4:00 p.m. CHAIRMAN HUSTON opened a public hearing to consider increasing admissions, Superintendent parking and Bedding fees during the Kittitas County Fair.

SANDE DESALLEES, FAIR DIRECTOR reviewed the proposed increases including admissions, Superintendent Parking and Bedding Fees, along with the projected revenue. She noted there had not been an increase in the last ten years. She projected the additional revenue for the 2005 would bring in an additional $18,279.25.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: ROYLENE CRAWFORD spoke in favor of the proposed increases. THERE BEING NO ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.

RESOLUTION 2005-43  INCREASE OF FAIR FEES          FAIR

COMMISSIONER BOWEN moved to approve Resolution No. 2005-43, Increasing the Kittitas County Fair Admission, Superintendent Parking and Straw Bedding Fees, effective March 1, 2005.
COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING  UTILITY EASEMENT—NO. 9 MINE ROAD  PUBLIC WORKS

At approximately 4:09 p.m. CHAIRMAN HUSTON opened a public hearing to consider terminating the utility easement on the vacated right-of-way of No. 9 Mine Road from MP 0.00 to MP 0.67 located in T20 - R15E - SEC 20.
PAUL BENNETT, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR reviewed his Engineer’s Report and said on January 13, 2005 a new property owner requested that the easement be terminated, claiming there were no existing utilities located within the vacated right-of-way. He said all companies that may have utilities in the existing easement have been notified of the termination of the utility easement located in the vacated right of way of No. 9 Mine Road. The Northwest Utility Notification Center had been called and processed a utility locate. There were no utilities located in the utility easement. The City of Roslyn does not have a water line that runs on SR 903 and perpendicular with No. 9 Mine Road and is within the WSDOT right-of-way on SR 903. He also mentioned that Puget Sound Energy claimed they did not have utilities in the easement either. He recommended that the Board vacate the utility easement located within the vacated 60’ right-of-way. A letter dated March 9, 2005 from Inland Telephone was referenced.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: JEFF SLOTHOWER, REPRESENTING SUNCADIA said they had purchased No. 9 Mine Road when it was vacated by the County, and the Quit Claim Deeds had been recorded. He said those reserved the rights of existing utilities at the time of conveyance, but were unaware of any utilities existing at the time of purchase. He said they are in the process of platting and need to clean up outstanding title issues.

CHAIRMAN HUSTON asked if there were any assigned value to the rights assigned? MR. BENNETT said there was no value.

COMMISSIONER BOWEN noted there were no existing utilities and that Suncadia had paid for the vacated road.

COMMISSIONER BOWEN moved to approve Resolution No. 2005-44, Vacating/Terminating the Utility Easement on the Vacated Right-of-Way of No. 9 Mine Road from MP 0.00 to 0.67. COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING   LEASE AIRPORT PROPERTY   PUBLIC WORKS

At approximately 4:24 p.m. CHAIRMAN HUSTON opened the public hearing to consider an Addendum to an airport property Lease at the Kittitas County Airport (Bowers Field). The property was approximately 6868.00 square feet.

KELLY CARLSON, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT gave a staff report. She said on April 1, 1995 Virgil Thovson entered into a lease agreement with Kittitas County for land located at the Bowers Field Airport within the Aeronautical Area. He built a private aircraft hangar on approximately 686 square feet.
According to RCW 36.34.180 the County is required to renegotiate these long-term leases every five years and as of March 31, 2005 the lease was up for renegotiation. She proposed that the rental rate be increased from $.06 per square foot to $.063 per square foot (an additional $20.61 per year). The other issue was modification to the Fire Protection clause to provide for the annual calculation by the Assessor’s office and Fire District #2.

**THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: VIRGIL THOVSON** spoke in favor of the proposed addendum to the lease. **THERE BEING NO ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

**LEASE ADDENDUM VIRGIL D. THOVSON PUBLIC WORKS**

COMMISSIONER BOWEN moved to approve the Lease Addendum between Kittitas County and Virgil D. Thovson, adjusting the rental rates from April 1, 2005 through March 31, 2010, at a rate of $.063 per square foot. COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**PUBLIC HEARING NON-EXCLUSIVE IRRIGATION – WHITE ROAD PUBLIC WORKS**

At approximately 4:30 p.m. CHAIRMAN HUSTON opened the public hearing to consider granting a Non-Exclusive Irrigation Franchise on White Road in Cle Elum, near the intersection of White Road and Danko Road.

PAUL BENNETT, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR explained that a request had been made for a domestic water franchise from Pat Deneen and Nancy Harcus on White Road. He said the 2” PVC domestic water cross pipe on White Road near the intersection of Danko Road was installed prior to the reconstruction of the White Road Realignment Project. The water system is a private system serving the residents along Danko Road. The water line under White Road currently provides water service to a lot on the west side of White Road, and the lot does not currently have any buildings on it. He recommended that the Board approve the proposed Non-Exclusive Irrigation Franchise.

**THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: MARK NELSON, REPRESENTING TERRADESIGN WORKS** spoke in favor of the request. FRANK BAUMSGARDNER asked for clarification on irrigation franchise. MR. BENNETT responded to his inquiry.

A letter from Craig Johnson dated March 15, 2005 was referenced for the record.
COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH moved to approve a Non-Exclusive Water Franchise to Use County Roads, Rights-of-Way and other County Property within Kittitas County, for Tax Lot Number 20-16-30053-0005. COMMISSIONER BOWEN seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

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Perry D. Huston, Chairman