Study Session Minutes
June 8th, 2006

Those Present: David Bowen, Alan Crankovich, Perry Huston, Patti Johnson, Lisa Bach, and Tom Swenson.

**Coordinated Prevention Grant Available Proposed project, developing a compost facility at the Fairgrounds:** Patti explained the offset grant cycle and that funding is available for projects that would meet the local and state solid waste plans. Patti proposed developing a pilot project for a compost facility at the Fairgrounds, stating that the proposed project would meet requirements in the Counties’ Solid Waste Plan as well as the State Solid Waste Plan. The project would require a 25% match from the County and would be funded for two years beginning in 2007. The project would require purchase of equipment and hiring an employee for operation. The Fair would be responsible for the 25% match for the equipment, which would belong to the County after the grant, and Solid Waste would pay the 25% match for an employee.

Dave asked if the equipment purchase was in the fairs budget and what the anticipated cost of the project would be. Patti and Tom didn’t have exact numbers because they wanted direction from the board before they pursued the project further. The grant application is due in July; however the costs would be budgeted in 2007.

**Board Direction:** Dave directed Patti and Tom to move forward and pursue the grant.

**A second proposed CPG project would be to partner with the City of Ellensburg to promote recycling at City Parks and sporting events:** Patti proposed partnering with the City of Ellensburg to provide recycling at parks and sporting events, especially at the West Ellensburg Facility. The project would focus on recycling plastic and aluminum. The idea would be to split the 25% match with the City.

**Board Direction:** The board did not have any issues with the project

**Other- Litter Grant:** Currently the County contracts with the Department of Corrections to pick up litter on County roads. The grant has money available to purchase the litter crew a van, Patti asked the board for direction on purchasing a van now or holding off and considering taking the program back and purchasing a different type of vehicle better served for County roads. Al suggested looking at the trucks that public works have. Patti stated that the Dept of Corrections isn’t as consistent picking up County roads since they also service State roads. Patti asked the board to consider not contracting with the Dept of Corrections at the end of the grant cycle and having the County operating the program, believing if we had control of the
program the service on County roads would be better. Al suggested hiring a youth crew. Patti said the Department of Ecology would provide all the training for safety and signage for the program.

**Board Direction:** Look at different ways to implement and continue to consider.

**Other - Interim Positions:**

**Board Direction:**
Dave told Patti and Lisa to adjust their schedules beginning June 19th, 2006 to reflect Patti being named Interim Public Works Director and Lisa moving to Interim Solid Waste Director.

Patti Johnson
Director
Solid Waste