STUDY SESSION MINUTES
January 12, 2009

THOSE PRESENT: Alan Crankovich, Paul Jewell, Mark McClain, Catherine Dunn (BOCC) Kirk Holmes, Kelly Carlson, Maria Fischer (DPW), Dan Davis, (CDS), Anna Lael (KCCD)

GUESTS PRESENT: Noah Goodrich, Lindsey Ozbolt, Chad Bala

Kittitas County Conservation District:
Anna Lael gave some background on a proposed rural service center which would include as tenants the Conservation District, WSU Extension, Noxious Weeds, maybe the USDA, and offices for Dept. of Fish & Wildlife who are interested in a long term lease. KCCD hired an architect and had some conceptual designs done of a very utilitarian office building, which she presented to the Board. Lael would like this project to be included in the Economic Stimulus Package. The preliminary costs estimate is $4.2 million.

Board Direction: Add to the list of Economic Stimulus Package projects.

Temporary Employee Positions:
Director Kirk Holmes asked to hire two temporary 30 day employees to help with emergency assessments and estimating of flood damages.

Board Direction: Approved – not to exceed 4 weeks.

Power Point Presentation January 2009 Floods:
Kelly Carlson of Public Works presented a power point presentation of photos of flood damage. There are some Dept. of Fish & Wildlife videos that will be made available to the Board ASAP.

Board Direction: No direction.

Red Bridge Road- Soil Stability:
Director Holmes stated that Public Works has engaged an engineering firm to help with a geo-technical analysis of the slope along Red Bridge Road that came down with the
recent flooding. PW would like to put together a plan for areas that may slough again in the future. The property owners of the slope areas agree with this work. Discussion followed on the possibility of US97 being closed in future flood events and preventing heavy truck traffic on Red Bridge Road.

Board Direction: No direction.

Meeting adjourned at 1:57 pm

Kirk Holmes
Public Works Director