

KITTITAS COUNTY

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

STUDY SESSION MINUTES

August 12, 2013

THOSE PRESENT:

Obie O'Brien, Gary Berndt, Paul Jewell (BOCC), Kirk Holmes, Doug D'Hondt, Kathy Jurgens, Candie Leader, (DPW)

GUESTS PRESENT:

None

WESTSIDE ROAD:

Doug met with the CRAB Board last week regarding the Westside Road funding. They received the letter that was sent stating that we would like to give the funding back. They recommended that we keep \$55,000 and then decided to deny that amount. They will vote again but have postponed the decision to October 2014. Commissioner O'Brien questioned if some of the funding would be used for guardrail along the roadway. Doug responded that he'd like to focus on the bridge over the KRD canal and also look at widening a certain portion of the road as well. Commissioner Berndt inquired if the department was looking for direction from the Board. Doug felt that giving an update at this time was necessary.

Board Direction:

No Direction.

RUNOFF ROADS SAFETY PROJECT:

Doug reported that he was given permission for the funding on Monday for the Runoff Roads Safety Projects. To meet deadlines he'd like Board approval to advertise with bid opening scheduled for September 6, 2013.

Board Direction:

Leave advertisement with Clerk for signature.

BOWERS FIELD/FAA LEASE VS. SALE STATUS UPDATE:

Kirk updated on the sale vs. lease issue at Bowers Field. He has initiated some talk with the FAA and they have responded with some questions they have within the area. Kirk is working on the response and should be sending it back to them soon. The regional office will also get his reply and he is then hoping to have a face to face meeting with the appropriate personnel for further discussion.

Board Direction:

Keep BOCC updated on progress.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Kirk has been in contact with representatives from Chelan County and they may be asking for mutual aid for the Colockum Tarps Fire. He will keep the Board updated on any new developments.

The Canyon Road and Kittitas Highway Projects have been scheduled with a start date of August 19th. Staff is resolving the HMA Mix issue and will also send out a press release with the specifics of each project. Commissioner Jewell inquired to how many miles will be completed on Canyon Road and Doug answered that the project is from Berry Road to Thrall Road which is around 3.5 miles with approximately 60 working days.

Columbia Asphalt was the apparent low bidder for the paving of the Airport Industrial Roads. A pre-con will be schedule within the next couple weeks.

Nelson Siding Road will be closed out after the August 20th Agenda Session. Staff will be presenting a resolution to sign a supplemental agreement with the engineering firm and complete the project.

Staff is still working on the Condo Agreement with SPUD for the new Hyak building. They are a small entity so this has been a longer process then first anticipated.

Striping of county roads will begin August 19th by Stripe Rite.

Caribou Road has been hard surfaced with two coats of seal coat. A third will be applied by the first part of September.

A meeting with the City of Ellensburg was held regarding the Pfenning Road/Vantage Highway intersection. This intersection will be needing improvements with the possibility of a new school being built in the area and the extension of Third Avenue. TIB Grants are being written by the City and the County and would be treated as two separate projects. More planning will be involved as the meeting was preliminary.

**FLOOD CONTROL
ZONE DISTRICT:**

Staff has received the HPA Permit for the Crack Willow Removal Project at the Moe Road/Tjossem Road intersection. The plan is to remove the willows and then restore the area. The remaining foliage would be sprayed to ensure that no other willows would re-grow. The pre-con with WDFW is scheduled for August 28th.

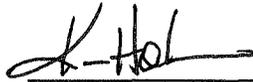
Kirk is working with Patti Johnson in Solid Waste to address the flooding issue at the Transfer Station. Kirk will also be contacting the City of Ellensburg for input on this site.

Christina Wollman is currently working on HMP Grants for property acquisition program packages. There is still some hydrology to be completed on the sites.

The Gladmar Embankment Project site was visited last April and after meetings and seeing the site it was decided that the best bet would be an engineered log jam to help with the flooding in the area. When staff visited they found that a natural log jam was forming. The issue now is that there are FEMA funds to be used for the site or the funds can be assigned to an alternate project. At this time staff is looking into reassigning the funding to the N.F. Manastash Creek project. If this happens then the Gladmar site will no longer be eligible for FEMA funds.

Board Direction:

No Direction.



Kirk Holmes
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