

KITTITAS COUNTY
PUBLIC WORKS STUDY SESSION MINUTES
COMMISSIONERS' AUDITORIUM, 205 WEST 5TH ROOM 109 - ELLENSBURG
Regular Meeting

MONDAY

1:30 PM

FEBRUARY 10, 2020

Board members present: Chairman Brett Wachsmith, Commissioner Cory Wright

Others: Mark Cook, Candie Leader, Arden Thomas, Public Works; Dan Carlson, Calvana Carper, Mike Flory, Community Development Services; Erin Moore, Public Health; Benjamin West, Airport Director; Five (5) Members of the Public

At 1:35 pm Chairman Brett Wachsmith opened the Public Works Study Session.

BULLFROG ROAD UPDATE

Mark Cook gave background on the recent actions taken lowering the speed limit on Bullfrog Road due to the pavement failure in places. Mark Cook stated that with the weather being clear staff went and conducted an inspection of the road and it appears the overlay limits will be less than originally anticipated. Mark Cook added that he will be requesting to set a public hearing at the next agenda session to amend the 2020 Annual Construction Program and the Six (6) Year Transportation Improvement Program to add the project. Discussion was held.

COVE ROAD SPEED STUDY

Mark Cook stated that last weekend there was a fatality accident at the intersection of Cove Road and Hanson Road. Mark Cook continued that the motorist failed to stop at the stop sign which resulted in a truck hitting the vehicle. Mark Cook added that staff received a request in that area for a speed reduction and additional signage. Mark Cook reported that if the weather stays clear the study will begin this week and once the data is collected, he will return with the results for review. Discussion was held.

HIGHWAY 10 POTENTIAL BOAT RAMP PROPERTY ACQUISITION

Mark Cook gave background on the Yakima River Public Access Plan and the need for additional access points for the Yakima River. Mark Cook explained that recently he and Vice-Chairman Laura Osiadacz met with property owners referred to as the Old Church Camp property to discuss the possibility of developing an access site there. Mark Cook stated that there are a few options to move forward with one being a real estate purchase option agreement to secure the property for a two (2) year period. Mark Cook continued that during the two

(2) year period a feasibility analysis would be done investigating potential funding sources. Discussion was held. Staff was directed to pursue the two (2) year real estate purchase option agreement.

WATER RESOURCE PROGRAM OBJECTIVES AND ACQUISITIONS PRIORITIES

Mark Cook introduced Arden Thomas to present this item.

Arden Thomas stated that staff has developed a plan of program objectives and presented a draft outline to the Board for review. Arden Thomas explained key points of the document including priorities going forward and strategies for the water program. Discussion was held. The two (2) Board members in attendance stated they are in support of the document with minor adjustments and to present to stakeholders for comments. Staff was directed to bring back the documents once complete.

SNOQUALMIE PASS UTILITY DISTRICT WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Mark Cook reported that he recently met with Tom Hastings from Snoqualmie Pass Utility District (SPUD) and their consultant, HLA, to discuss the wastewater treatment plan project. Mark Cook stated that after further research it states in enabling legislation that this type of project does qualify for Public Facilities funding. SPUD is requesting two hundred and fifty thousand (\$250,000) of this funding to assist in the design of the project. Mark Cook continued that with this project a new type of water right is being established which will benefit Kittitas County and provide fish recovery and habitat for Bull Trout. Discussion was held.

OTHER BUSINESS:

MUDSLIDE AT MORGAN CREEK:

Mark Cook stated that Saturday afternoon he received a call from Darren Higashiyama from the Sheriff's Office regarding a mudslide in the Morgan Creek development. Mark Cook presented photos and explained that this area is private development with a private road network. Mark Cook added that he is waiting to hear from the Sheriff's Office on next steps.

UPPER KITTITAS COUNTY FLOODING:

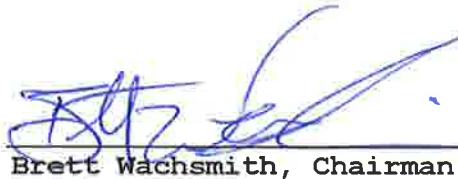
Mark Cook reported that there has been a fair amount of limited flooding over the weekend with the usual areas being affected. Mark Cook added that staff is monitoring the areas.

Meeting adjourned at 2:22 pm

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Candie Leader



Brett Wachsmith, Chairman