

**KITTITAS COUNTY
PUBLIC WORKS STUDY SESSION MINUTES
Webex
Regular Meeting**

MONDAY

1:30 PM

DECEMBER 28, 2020

Board members present: Chairman Brett Wachsmith, Commissioner Cory Wright

Others: Mark Cook, Arden Thomas, Candie Leader, Josh Fredrickson, Nicole Ogan, Public Works; Mike Flory, Jessica Miller, Pat Nicolson, Community Development Services and Three (3) Members of the Public

At 1:31 pm Chairman Brett Wachsmith opened the Public Works Study Session.

WATER METERING FEE COLLECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN PUBLIC WORKS AND THE TREASURER'S OFFICE

Arden Thomas gave background on the water metering program and stated that an annual fee is required by landowners which is set by the department fee schedule. Arden Thomas continued that Public Works would like the Treasurer's Office to collect this fee and an agreement between the departments is required for this request. Discussion was held. Staff was directed to have the Director of Public Works sign the agreement and bring forward enabling documents to ratify said signature at the next agenda session.

UPDATE ON ADVANCED MITIGATION COMMUNICATION TO RESOURCE AGENCIES

Mark Cook gave background on the project and stated that the last briefing on the project included direction to move forward to address the wetland impacts anticipated at Bowers Field. Mark Cook continued that staff along with Jacobs Environmental drafted a proposal that was sent to Washington State Department of Ecology (WADOE) and US Army Corp of Engineers (USACE). Mark Cook added that staff has received a response from WADOE and was informed of staff changes at USACE and the Federal Aviation Administration. Mark Cook explained the quick timeline for this project and the available properties to potentially be used for mitigation. Discussion was held.

IMPLEMENTATION OF 2016 KITTITAS COUNTY PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE PLAN DISCUSSION

Mark Cook gave background on the 2016 Kittitas County Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan and how the plan came up during 2021 budget discussions. Mark Cook noticed the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) of the exhibits included with the briefing for their review as time allows. Mark Cook added that the BOCC may want

to update the plan since it is almost five (5) years old. Mark Cook continued that the tourism plan appears to not have been formally adopted and staff could perform updates and have it adopted by the end of the first quarter of 2021. Mark Cook added that the review of pedestrian safety should be included. Mark Cook mentioned funding mechanisms for the plan and discussion was held. Staff was directed to move forward with the plan that was presented for further discussion and is in support of getting the plan implemented.

OTHER BUSINESS:


Mark Cook stated that he has been contacted by Tom Hastings with Snoqualmie Pass Utility District (SPUD) regarding parking issues at Hyak and recreation users blocking the facility. Mark Cook continued that staff is looking at options including road closure and detours. Mark Cook added he will update the Board on developments.

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 pm.



Candie Leader

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Brett Wachsmith, Chairman