

**KITTITAS COUNTY
EC STUDY SESSION MINUTES
BOCC CONFERENCE ROOM, 205 WEST 5TH ROOM 108 - ELLENSBURG
Regular Meeting**

MONDAY	10:00 AM	April 22, 2024
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Board members present: Chairman Brett Wachsmith, Vice-Chairman Laura Osiadacz, Commissioner Cory Wright

Others: Kady Porterfield (Event Center Director), Lacie Dawson (Event Center Program Manager), Robert Eddings (Fair Board President), Amy Cziske (Fair Board Treasurer), Jeanne Killgore (Kittitas County Human Resources Director)

1. Call to Order Chairman Brett Wachsmith called the meeting to order at 10:03am

2. Citizen Comments (1 min. time limit) None

3. Fair Bedding Fees Recommendation Discussion

Porterfield: The Fair Board voted during their April meeting to make changes to the bedding fees for the 2024 Kittitas County Fair. A bedding cost breakdown sheet that was prepared by Becky McDowell was handed out to the Commissioners. The largest increases would be to Beef and Dairy, slight increase for Horse, and decrease for Swine and other smaller animals.

Wright: At what point does this become a gifting of public funds issue?

Osiadacz: It would be a good idea to get legal's opinion on this.

Wright: Does it have to be called a bedding fee? Porterfield explained the fee is utilized more of an entry fee for each animal being entered in the Fair. The history of why it was called a bedding fee is unknown, but it's purpose is not tied to covering the cost of the bedding. There are many operational costs that go into the fair and we don't charge exhibitors directly for those costs. A name change to better depict the purpose of the fee would be wise. Porterfield will work with legal on appropriate wording. The bedding fee discussion arose from a question about what is to be done when there are multiple livestock utilizing the same pen. The term bedding fee has become confusing for the exhibitors in that sense as they think there fee is also tied to the bedding they are using, so amending the wording will help define the fee purpose more clearly.

Wright: What was the Fair Board vote on this? Eddings: Shenyer and Eddings voted no.

Cziske: Didn't feel that enough information was presented at time of the vote to really understand what was being voted on (for those who are not livestock directors).

Wright: Need to get legal advice before this moves any further, Fair Board needs to understand their recommendation will be taken under consideration. Wright then asked when this needed to be decided by. Porterfield said entries go live August 1st and we need to have the books published online by at least July. Porterfield will work with legal and bring further information to the next Study Session.

4. Bid Projects Update

Porterfield: Currently there are two projects out to bid. The first is the grandstands exterior painting project. The barn sound system went back out to bid after the contractor that originally installed the system decided to not move forward with the project.

5. ATM Sponsorship Update

Porterfield: Would like to have a 5-year agreement with the ATM company. Agreement would also look to add additional permanent ATMs to the grounds. KVEC has been using the company for the past couple years and it's been working out well.

6. Grandstands Fire System Update

Porterfield: There was another air leak detected in one of the old pipes at the grandstands above the seating. The water has been shut off for now to avoid any damages to those facilities if the system were to go off due to the leak. Porterfield is working with Patti Stacey and the new fire system company to diagnose and repair the system.

7. RV Park Design Project Update

Porterfield: There was a pre-application meeting with the City last week. Some of the potential issues included the possible need to install EV charging stations, parking lot designations, and protecting beavers in the stream. Currently the electrical in that area is only single phase. The current concept has space for 52 RV spaces of varying sizes.

Wright: What is the ROI per space? City needs to understand it must be cost-effective to make this work. Porterfield is working with the design engineers for additional suggestions and will ask them about ROI.

8. Boundary Line Adjustments Update

Porterfield: Working with the City on boundry line adjustments, all seems to be off to a good start. Current discussion includes the county taking care/responsibility for 2' out from the bottom of the hill. Geotech reports are being revisited and seeking further clarification.

For Bloom, Horner is in progress and has written up a quiet title agreement. The City has renewed the temporary permit for the Bloom Annex through the end of May.

9. At 10:27am Chairman Brett Wachsmith announced the board would recess into executive session for 10 minutes. Cziske and Eddings exit the meeting, Killgore joins the meeting.


Executive Session - RCW 42.30.110 (g) To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. However, subject to RCW 42.30.140(4), discussion by a governing body of salaries, wages, and other conditions of employment to be generally applied within the agency shall occur in a meeting open to the public, and when a governing body elects to take final action hiring, setting the salary of an individual employee or class of employees, or discharging or disciplining an employee, that action shall be taken in a meeting open to the public.

At 10:37am, the board reconvened from executive session. Staff is directed to write a termination letter and present it to the BOCC.

10. Other Business - No Action to be taken - None

Meeting concluded at 10:38am.


Kady Porterfield

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Brett Wachsmith, Chairman