

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

MONDAY	11:00 AM	July 22, 2024
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Board members present: Chairman Brett Wachsmith, Vice-Chairman Laura Osiadacz,
Commissioner Cory Wright

Others: Kady Porterfield, CFE (Event Center Director), Bob Eddings (Fair Board President)

1. Call to Order 10:03am

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

3. Patriot Night Under the Lights Recap and Future Outlook

Kady reported the final numbers for the event in an overall scope of attendance, finances, and marketing. While the event was at a loss, it was a well produced event and attendees had a great time. Kady will be evaluating how to change the event in 2025 as it will need to be scaled down to a new concept until the outlook on industry trends moving forward are more understood. Ideas discussed amongst all in at the meeting included: kids' activities, free event, continuing fireworks, smaller concert in Behind the Chutes, joint partnership event with other local entities, or moving another major event to that weekend as a draw.

4. Kittitas County Fair Planning and Operations Report:

The Fair Board discussed the Bylaws amendments at their meeting on July 18, 2024 and decided to table any approval until the next meeting for more time to review. The electrical project for vendors and Frontier Village is completed now. There was discussion at the last Fair Board meeting about the sale of the First and Last property and how that affects the KVEC Master Plan.

5. Rodeo Contract Status Update:

Cory and Kady met with the President and Past-President of the Ellensburg Rodeo Board to discuss amendments to the lease agreement regarding sponsorship funding and the grandstands project. Kady and their President met later to work on language and will keep working on it, but will be putting this on hold until after Labor Day weekend now.

6. Rodeo Grandstands Project Update:

There will be a meeting this afternoon to look at preliminary design based off feedback and ideas shared at our last meeting. Kady will send out graphics when she has them to share.

7. Rock Clean Up and Wall Construction Project:

Kady gave an update on the project plan that was worked up between the City, Public Works, and KVEC to tackle removing the build up of loose rock debris from the hill and installing a taller ecology block wall behind the barns. We can only go two high on the ecology blocks, but that will be enough to maintain the debris along with annual clean out. The hill will be monitored annually and there is a great baseline of data that was just pulled from Public Works using their drone. With that, we will be able to measure changes in the hillside and evaluate any further need for mitigation. The clean out this year will be handled by all three of our entities and cost should be split evenly in half based on the agreement from discussions throughout meetings over the course of this year. Kady is looking for support to conduct this project, not knowing the exact budget impact, but she estimates it will be minimal due to the in-kind resources that will be used between the entities. All members of the BOCC voiced support unanimously to proceed.

8. Other Business - No Action to be taken:

South Grandstands painting project is complete and looks amazing. Kady has submitted an additional application for the Law and Justice Grant for more funding towards the barn sound system repair project. She also requested an extension of the current one to be able to combine funds. The funds from both grants will most likely not be utilized until 2025, so that will reflect in the new budget. The Sheriff's Office is ready to proceed with bringing the KVEC Security Camera system under their security wing, so Kady will be meeting with them and IT to get this started.

Meeting concluded at 10:42am


Kady Porterfield, CFE

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Brett Wachsmith, Chairman