

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
UPPER KITITAS COUNTY SENIOR CENTER
CENTENNIAL CENTER
CLE ELUM, WASHINGTON
SPECIAL MEETING**

WEDNESDAY

5:30 P.M.

OCTOBER 2, 2024

Board members present: Chairman Brett Wachsmith, Vice-Chairman Laura Osiadacz, and Commissioner Cory Wright.

City of Cle Elum Council Members: John Glondo, Steven Cook, Ken Ratliff, and Matthew Lundh.

City of Roslyn Council Members: Shannon O'Malley, Catherine Cook, Janine Brodine, Jeff Adams, and Justin Davis.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Mandy Buchholz, Office Administrator; Josh Fredrickson, Public Works Director; and 1 member of the public.

SPECIAL MEETING

COAL MINES TRAIL

COMMISSIONERS

At 5:30 p.m. Chairman Wachsmith opened a Joint Special Meeting with the Kittitas County Board of Commissioners, representatives from the City of Cle Elum Council, and City of Roslyn Council, to discuss amendments to the Coal Mines Trail Interlocal Agreement.

Vice-Chairman Osiadacz explained how the Coal Mines Trail Interlocal Agreement needed to be amended as it's outdated. She said she's been working with the City of Cle Elum Mayor, a representative from the City of Roslyn, and the Chair of the Coal Mine Trail. Together they've come up with a few recommendations for amendments to the document. The amendments included changing the meeting dates, as well as the financial piece. Commissioner Wright submitted a red-line version of the document and reviewed his recommendations for discussion. He said he'd like to add the development of a vision plan with timelines; term limits and to increase the number of members; and to have the responsibility of the vision plan be on the Coal Mine Trail Commission. Vice-Chairman Osiadacz felt they should hire a consultant to assist with drafting a vision plan, and that funding should be provided for it. The suggested timeline for completing the 10-year vision plan was no later than May of 2026. The City of Cle Elum Mayor Matthew Lundh suggested adding language to include the Open Public Meetings Act.

Commissioner Wright recommended annual funding for the costs of reasonable maintenance and operation, in the amount of \$12,000.00

from Kittitas County; and \$4,000.00 from both the City of Cle Elum and City of Roslyn. After discussion, Commissioner Wright offered to provide a new red-line version, and have it submitted to each municipality so they can adopt it on their own and then return it to the County for their consideration. It was also determined that Kittitas County would cover the costs of recording the Interlocal Agreement once all parties have signed it.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Josh Fredrickson, Public Works Director, provided an update on erosion and maintenance issues. He said they've done some survey work at several locations on some of the most used parts of the trail. There's permitting needed, modeling of the floodplains, and with utilities, they are looking at a cost of approximately 1.7 million dollars. Mr. Fredrickson recommended working with the agencies to complete the work in phases on certain segments of the trail. He felt having a vision plan would assist in finding funding including applying for grants.

The meeting concluded at 6:19 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD


Julie Kjosrvik

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Brett Wachsmith, Chairman