

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

MONDAY

1:30 PM

October 28, 2024

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

Others: Josh Fredrickson, Cameron Curtis, Sally Kraft, Rebecca Cruse, Public Works; Chad Bala, Community Development Services; 3 members of the public.

At 1:30 PM Chairman Brett Wachsmith opened the Community Development Services and Public Works Study Session.

Pat Kelleher commented on recreation planning for the Yakima River Corridor, and that he had difficulty with finding the recreation plan and would like to see recreation budgeted in 2024.

REQUEST TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR PLANNING SUPPORT SERVICES TO INCLUDE THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE GMA PERIODIC UPDATE GRANT AND THE GMA CLIMATE PLANNING GRANT

Chad Bala briefed the Board of County Commissioners on this request to amend the service agreement with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc and the scope of work needed to attain the grants. Vice Chair Laura Osiadacz moved to approve Resolution 2024-187 and Commissioner Cory Wright seconded the motion. Resolution 2024-187 approved.

MARKOVICH ROAD RIGHT OF WAY PROPOSED VACATION

Cameron Curtis briefed the Board of County Commissioners on a section of Markovich Road that residents have requested to vacate and an application for vacation submitted. Cameron Curtis explained the location in relation to public lands and stated the proposed vacation would leave a 40ft easement for adjacent properties, that would still not access the public lands. Commissioner Cory Wright requested that this item be presented to the Public Lands Advisory Committee for their recommendation.

PALOUSE TO CASCADES TRAIL RECONNECTION PROPOSAL

Josh Fredrickson briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the route proposed to connect portions of the Palouse to Cascades Trail. Josh Fredrickson stated that the City of Ellensburg is working as the lead agency and has requested a letter of support for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Grant Application and there is

no grant match requested. Discussion pursued on securing easements for the route and which agency will be designated for maintaining the trail. Josh Fredrickson added that further communication will be addressed with the FAA for recreation near the Airport. The Board expressed support in concept for a letter of support to the City for the grant application. Additional details such as maintenance and operations will need to be addressed if the City is successful in their grant request.

Meeting concluded at 1:48 PM

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Rebecca Cruse, Administrative
Assistant



Brett Wachsmith, Chairman