

**KITTITAS COUNTY  
PUBLIC WORKS/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES STUDY SESSION MINUTES  
COMMISSIONERS' AUDITORIUM, 205 WEST 5TH ROOM 109  
Special Meeting**

**TUESDAY**

**11:00 AM**

**NOVEMBER 12, 2024**

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

Others: Josh Fredrickson, Arden Thomas, Sally Kraft, Rebecca Cruse, Public Works; Chad Bala, Bradley Gasawski, Jessica Miller, Community Development Services; Stephanie Hartung, Prosecuting Attorney's Office; 2 members of the public.

At 11:01 AM Chairman Brett Wachsmith opened the Public Works and Community Development Services Study Session.

Citizen Comments - Pat Kelleher commented on the Parks and Recreation proposal and that he thinks BLM would be a great partner to consider. Pat Kelleher submitted written comment via email against the funding of Springwood Ranch.

**REQUEST TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC WORKS  
DIRECTOR SIGNATURE ON TASK ORDER NO. 1 AMENDMENT NO. 2 WITH CONSOR  
NORTH AMERICA, INC.**

Josh Fredrickson briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the Task Order No.1 Amendment 2 with Consor North America, Inc. This amendment authorizes an additional \$36,700 to support the outreach campaign for the 2024 Road Fund Levy Election. Commissioner Cory Wright expressed great dissatisfaction with Consor's work. Chairman Brett Wachsmith motioned to approve Resolution 2024-194 and Vice Chair Laura Osiadacz seconded the motion. Resolution 2024-194 approved.

**PARKS AND RECREATION STAFF**

Josh Fredrickson briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the proposal to develop policy and provide resources around the use of County owned land properties.

Commissioner Cory Wright stated that Public Works has done a good job filling in the gaps and stressed the importance of coordination with CDS for long range planning and to include current Parks and Recreation plans in all future planning. The Board was in favor of allocating resources for Parks and Recreation development.

## **SPRINGWOOD RANCH**

Josh Fredrickson briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the management of the 795 acres of Springwood Ranch that is now owned by the county. Commissioner Cory Wright stated that Public Works is best suited to oversee this property and recommended an agronomy assessment in partnership with Washington State University. The consensus from the Board was to keep the grazing leases and caretakers. Current operations costs anticipate a deficit, which is to be supported through the General Fund. Grant funding has been requested, to help offset costs.

## **BRIDGE PROCUREMENT FOR WHISKEY CREEK SIPHON PROJECT**

Commissioner Cory Wright recused himself from this discussion.

Arden Thomas briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the need to purchase a bridge for Woods' property and Ellensburg Water Company. Funds have been budgeted through the Flood Control Zone District. The project provides flood control benefits as well as fish passage. Staff was directed to move forward with the project.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:28 AM.

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



**Sally Kraft, Administrative  
Assistant**



**Brett Wachsmith, Chairman**