

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

MONDAY

1:30 PM

JULY 28, 2025

Board members present: Chairman Laura Osiadacz and Commissioner Brett Wachsmith.

Others: Josh Fredrickson, Arden Thomas, Rebecca Cruse, Public Works; Stephanie Hartung, Prosecuting Attorney's Office; 2 Members of the Public

At 1:32 PM Chairman Laura Osiadacz opened the Public Works Study Session.

No Citizen Comments

REQUEST TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHAIR SIGNATURE ON THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN MID-COLUMBIA FISHERIES ENHANCEMENT GROUP AND KITTITAS COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT

Arden Thomas briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the grant from the Department of Ecology and a proposed Memorandum of Agreement Amendment with Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group and listed components of grant and projects to receive funding. Arden Thomas stated past projects have been successful with this partnership and the agreement will provide role clarity for both parties. Commissioner Brett Wachsmith moved to approve Resolution 2025-138 and Chairman Laura Osiadacz seconded the motion. Resolution 2025-138 approved.

WATER FILLING STATION DISCUSSION

Arden Thomas gave an update on policy the City of Cle Elum implemented for their water filling station and stated County residence's and Contractors in unincorporated County are impacted. Arden Thomas stated that currently the county does not have infrastructure and resources to implement a water fill site at the Public Works Upper County Shop. Discussion was held on different options and alternatives to the City of Cle Elum site including that the City of Kittitas has expressed interest in developing a fill station.

Josh Fredrickson distinguished between the Public Works Road Crew's needs for water, and gaining access to water for residential use/construction usage. Chairman Laura Osiadacz directed staff to keep monitoring.

Pat Deneen, a member of the public stated he is getting communication from residences regarding providing water.

APPROVED

**KITTITAS COUNTY CWU TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER CENTER FEASIBILITY PROJECT
UPDATE**

Josh Fredrickson stated that Conference of Governments (COG) has expressed the need to hire a professional service group to help advocate for regional needs at the federal level and has interest in soliciting for the service. Josh Fredrickson stated that discussion amongst the group is that each agency would fund a portion of the service cost and a draft of the request for services was presented. Commissioner Brett Wachsmith asked about proportionate funding from each entity. The Board of County Commissioners directed staff to present a monthly COG update through Public Works. The Board of County Commissioners directed staff to move forward with the proposal. Discussion was held on by laws. Josh Fredrickson recognizes that this group has expressed a lot of collaboration.

OTHER BUSINESS- I-90 EXPANSION

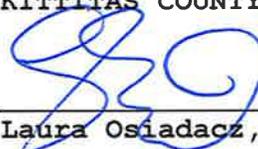
Josh Fredrickson gave an update on an application for I-90 expansion has made it onto a House Bill and is recognized as eligible project to hopefully move forward for funding. Josh Fredrickson stated that Rep. Kim Schrier has been a major proponent of getting this funding forward. Josh Fredrickson stated that Public Works has done feasibility for this I-90 expansion project and the next step would be securing funding for environmental permitting. The Board recognized ongoing efforts.

Meeting concluded at 2:03 PM.

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



Rebecca Cruse, Clerk



Laura Osiadacz, Chairman