

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
AUDITORIUM
SPECIAL MEETING**

TUESDAY

2:00 P.M.

OCTOBER 21, 2025

Board members present: Chairman Laura Osiadacz; Vice-Chairman Cory Wright & Commissioner Brett Wachsmith.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Mandy Buchholz, Office Administrator; Josh Fredrickson, Public Works Director; Arden Thomas, Water Resource Program Manager; Stephanie Hartung, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor; and 2 members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING

WHISKEY CREEK FLOOD MITIGATION

PUBLIC WORKS

At 2:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN OSIADACZ** opened a Public Hearing to consider the exercise of condemnation authority under RCW 8.08.010 for the acquisition of right-of-way and a Temporary Construction Easement for Flood Mitigation on Whiskey Creek, RE: Parcel Numbers 962710 and 962712.

JOSH FREDRICKSON, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, reviewed a Staff Report and explained the Whiskey Creek at Ellensburg Water Company Siphon project. He said it's identified in the Flood Control Zone District Capital Improvement Plan. The project aims to reduce flooding impacts from Whiskey Creek to Bender Road and the Ellensburg Water Company canal crossing by increasing conveyance capacity along Whiskey Creek. The project requires a temporary construction easement, and Kittitas County has submitted two written offers to the property owner but has not been able to reach a voluntary agreement.

CHAIRMAN OSIADACZ noted written comments that were submitted into the record.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: MICHAEL PEARSON said he was not particularly opposing the project but wanted some statutory assurance in the contract so there are guarantees. **THERE BEING NO OTHERS REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

RESOLUTION 2025-194

WHISKEY CREEK FLOOD MITIGATION

PUBLIC WORKS

VICE-CHAIRMAN WRIGHT moved to approve Resolution No. 2025-194, Authorizing the Exercise of Condemnation Authority Under RCW 8.08.010 for the Acquisition of Right-of-Way and a Temporary Construction Easement for Flood Mitigation on Whiskey Creek, RE

APPROVED
11/4/25

Parcel Numbers 962710 and 962712. **COMMISSIONER WACHSMITH** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING 6-YEAR TRANS. PLAN & ANNUAL PROG. PUBLIC WORKS

At 2:19 p.m. **CHAIRMAN OSIADACZ** opened a Public Hearing to consider adopting the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program for 2026-2031 and the Annual Road Program for 2026.

JOSH FREDRICKSON, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, reviewed a Staff Report including the Six Year Transportation Improvement Program for 2026-2031, and the Annual Road Program for 2026.

THERE BEING NO ONE IN ATTENDANCE REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.

RESOLUTION 2025-195 SIX-YEAR TRANSP. IMPROVEMENT PLAN PUBLIC WORKS

VICE-CHAIRMAN WRIGHT moved to approve Resolution No. 2025-195, Adopting a Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan for the Years 2026-2031. **COMMISSIONER WACHSMITH** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

It was noted that the Resolution relating to the Annual Construction Program would be considered at a future Public Works Department Study Session.

The meeting was concluded at 2:25 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD



Julie Kjorsvik

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Laura Osiadacz, Chairman