COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
AUDITORIUM
SPECIAL MEETING

TUESDAY **2:00 P.M.** **OCTOBER 6, 2026**

Board members present: Chairman Brett Wachsmith; Vice-Chairman Laura Osiadacz and Commissioner Jeff Leichleiter.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Mandy Buchholz, Office Administrator; Josh Fredrickson, Public Works Director; Stephanie Hartung, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor; Jesse Cox, Solid Waste Director; and 2 members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING **CONSERVATION DISTRICT** **COMMISSIONERS**

At 2:03 p.m. **CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH** opened a Public Hearing continued from September 15, 2026, to consider the Kittitas County Conservation District's renewal of the system of rates and charges. He noted the record was open.

ANNA LAEL, KITTITAS COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT MANAGER, provided information on the proposed rates, charges and their funding sources. She said the District Board of Supervisors held a Public Hearing and approved a maximum of $8.50 per parcel. She said if approved, the rates and charges shall be in effect for a period of (10) years, commencing with the 2027 assessment year, beginning January 1, 2027.

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

RESOLUTION 2026-158 **CONSERVATION DISTRICT** **COMMISSIONERS**

VICE-CHAIRMAN OSIADACZ moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-158, For the Renewal of Revenue Distribution to the Kittitas County Conservation District by Fixing Rates and Charges, and Authorizing the Execution of an Interlocal Agreement between Kittitas County and the Kittitas County Conservation District. **COMMISSIONER LEICHLEITER** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING **AIRPORT LEASE - CWU** **PUBLIC WORKS**

At 2:23 p.m. **CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH** opened a Public Hearing continued from September 15, 2026, to consider a Lease with Central Washington University for property located at Kittitas County Airport, Bowers Field. He noted the record was open.

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JOSH FREDRICKSON, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, provided a Staff Report and said they've been working with Central Washington University, and they have additional questions regarding the proposed lease. He recommended continuing the Public Hearing to November 3, 2026, and to leave record open to public comment.

VICE-CHAIRMAN OSIADACZ moved to continue the Public Hearing to November 3, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium, noting the record was to remain open. **COMMISSIONER LEICHLEITER** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING SIX YR TIP & ANNUAL PROGRAM PUBLIC WORKS

At 2:24 p.m. **CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH** opened a Public Hearing to consider the Adoption of the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program for 2027-2032 and the Annual Road Construction Program for 2027.

JOSH FREDRICKSON, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, reviewed a Staff Report and reviewed the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan. He stated how most projects are funded through grants with matching dollars from the Road Fund. He noted not all the projects which are needed are listed, but it was more of a realistic list of what they can do with the anticipated funding. He also reviewed the components of the Annual Transportation Construction Program. He recommended the Board approve the proposed Resolutions.

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

RESOLUTION 2026-159 SIX YR TIP & ANNUAL PROGRAM PUBLIC WORKS

VICE-CHAIRMAN OSIADACZ moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-159, Adopting a Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan for the Years 2027-2032. **COMMISSIONER LEICHLEITER** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION 2026-160 ANNUAL ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM PUBLIC WORKS

VICE-CHAIRMAN OSIADACZ moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-160, Adopting an Annual Road Program for 2027. **COMMISSIONER LEICHLEITER** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING FEE SCHEDULE SOLID WASTE

At 2:33 p.m. **CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH** opened a Public Hearing to consider an updated Fee Schedule to address operating costs for the Ryegrass Septage Lagoons, along with adding an additional compost product to be made available for sale.

JESSE COX, SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR, reviewed a Staff Report and proposed fee schedule to address the current operating costs of the

Ryegrass Septage Lagoons and established rates for a new compost product. The cost is rising faster than it's coming in and running out of capacity than the septage we're receiving. He said they added a compost project to the fee schedule as well.

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

RESOLUTION 2026-161 FEE SCHEDULE SOLID WASTE

VICE-CHAIRMAN OSIADACZ moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-161, Setting Fees for the Solid Waste Disposal, effective November 1, 2026. **COMMISSIONER LEICHLEITER** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The meeting concluded at 2:40 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

Julie Kjorsvik

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Brett Wachsmith, Chairman