



KITTITAS COUNTY

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Mark Cook, Director

STUDY SESSION MINUTES

January 11, 2016

THOSE PRESENT:

Gary Berndt, Obie O'Brien, Paul Jewell (BOCC), Mark Cook, Candie Leader (DPW), Doc Hansen, Steph Mifflin, Angela San Filippo, Lindsey Ozbolt (CDS), Brenda Larsen (FM)

GUESTS PRESENT:

Anna Lael

COUNTY ENGINEER
DISCUSSION:

Mark Cook reported he met with WSDOT Local Programs and Corps. Of Engineers. A Resolution has been prepared for consideration which is required by State Law to have a County Engineer. Completed the check list for CRAB and the last item is to insure a bond is provided. The Resolution is to appoint Mark as Interim County Engineer for a period of 6 months. We have five days to complete the action. Staff was not able to physically inspect the County levees before the previous Engineer left. Mark met with the Levee Program Manager. She suggested that a request be completed to receive assistance in inspection of the levees.

Board Direction:

No Direction

S.T.P. FUNDING DISCUSSION:

Mark stated that in preparation for the County Engineer's departure we were fortunate to have a previous employee, Jan Ollivier meet for about an hour going over the STP Funding that gets spread out from WSDOT Local Programs. Background was given on the program. The issue for this year is that the funding is around \$60,000 short for the program. We've created a process for a four (4) year look ahead for projects. Adjustments would have to be made to funding for the back log of projects. WSDOT administration is under obligation to get funding spent. We are in good shape with Kittitas Highway until 2018 and other jurisdictions are not so fortunate. We may want to reconvene the technical committee and take a look at the process and look ahead. Discussion was held.

Board Direction:

Meet with the Technical Committee and discuss options.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mark reported to the BOCC that Brian Gordon is retiring as of January 28, 2016.

Next item is a follow up on the Manastash Road Bridge Rating. Letter is prepared to send out to the homeowners in the area. The State of Washington creates a process where you can adopt a load limit by Resolution and advertise for one week it does provide a gross misdemeanor for anyone who violates the load rating. We are also required to stipulate the time the load limit will be in place. Bridge Inspections have been completed for 2015 and there are some structures that require some repairs. Mark will prepare a list and specify the needs for each bridge and submit to WSDOT to request they handle the repairs necessary.

Board Direction:

Prepare Resolution for Manastash Road Bridge Load Rating.



Mark R. Cook
Director of Public Works