



KITTITAS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Mark Cook, Director

STUDY SESSION MINUTES May 9, 2016

THOSE PRESENT:

Obie O'Brien, Paul Jewell, Laura Osiadacz (BOCC), Mark Cook, Candie Leader (DPW), Doc Hansen, Steph Mifflin, Angela San Filippo, Mike Flory (CDS)

GUESTS PRESENT:

Chad Bala

DISCUSSION OF ROAD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS:

Mark Cook reported that he sent some briefings over to the Board for review for Road Improvement Districts. He stated that the Department received a petition signed by about 30 property owners of Biltmore Drive. There are two processes in the State of Washington where RID's formulated either through the petition process or by Resolution by the Board of County Commissioners. This is the first petition he has received as the new Public Works Director. If we elect to move forward then we should pull the Prosecuting Attorney's Office in for some consultation to formulate the process to be used. The statutes are available and the RCW's are as well. Mark will forward those over to the BOCC. The Legislature refers to bonds and warrants but we are proposing to fund the RID construction of Biltmore at 3% interest for 10 years out of the Public Works reserve fund. In a similar process other departments are to be included which are the Auditor's, Treasurer's and perhaps the Clerk's Office. The other two may go to election. The first being Wiehl Road with approximately 64 parcels involved. Mark stated he spoke with about 32 of those residents. What staff isn't sure about is what to do with the remaining property owners. There will be costs associated in the election and voting of the RID. The last RID is a 3 property owner RID with two residents and a commercial operation. The commercial operation is a marijuana grow operation. The traffic from that operation is causing some wear on the road. The grow operation has elected to not participate in the RID and the two remaining property owners would like to see the Resolution and election and force the last property owner to participate. All these issues will need to be worked out prior to formation. Biltmore Road could be completed this season. Wiehl Road will not be completed

due to the unknowns of the remaining property owners and that process will take months. The Badger Pocket RID could be done quickly since there is only one property owner unwilling to participate. Discussion was held. Commissioner Jewell inquired how the election process works. Mark responded that a Public Hearing can be held in lieu of the election. Commissioner Jewell asked why the petition method could not be used with the Badger Pocket property owners with 60% in favor. Further discussion was held. Mark committed to mapping out the timelines and process and come back to the BOCC with the information. Mark would like to send a request with DPA Caulkins to go over the process of the formations. Discussion on public benefit will also need to be addressed.

Board Direction:

No Direction

Other Business:

Mark stated that National Highway Institute is offering a Sediment Transport Seminar. It's \$1,000.00 with only 10 seats available. There is also a Bridge Scour class that Mark would attend.



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