

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

MONDAY

1:30 PM

October 8, 2018

Board members present: Chairman Laura Osiadacz; Vice-Chairman Obie O'Brien; Commissioner Cory Wright

Others: Mark Cook, Candie Leader, Public Works; Dan Carlson, Lindsey Ozbolt, Calvana Carper, Community Development Services; Kayla Bonar, Daily Record; Shannon Lowry, Grant County Public Utility District

At 1:34 pm Chairman Osiadacz opened the Public Works Study Session. No additional agenda items were added.

**REQUEST TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION CORRECTING RESOLUTION 2018-151
ADOPTING MEADOW WAY ONTO THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM**

Mark Cook presented a Resolution to correct Resolution 2018-151 that adopted Meadow Way onto the County Road System. Mark Cook stated that Resolution 2018-151 incorrectly identified Meadow Way as Marian Way within the body of the Resolution. Discussion was held. Vice-Chairman O'Brien made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-161 Correcting Resolution 2018-151 Adopting Meadow Way onto the County Road System. Commissioner Wright seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

**REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE CHAIR'S SIGNATURE ON THE UNITED STATES FOREST
SERVICE GRANT APPLICATION LETTER OF SUPPORT**

Mark Cook stated that the Forest Service is applying for grant funds through the Recreation and Conservation Office to support winter and summer recreational activities in Kittitas County. Mark Cook added that staff drafted a letter of support for Board approval to be included in the grant package. Discussion was held. Vice-Chairman O'Brien made a motion to Authorize Chair's Signature on the United States Forest Service Grant Application Letter of Support. Commissioner Wright seconded the motion. Chairman Osiadacz stated that the County has a good partnership with the Forest Service and thanked staff for their efforts. Motion passed 3-0.

GRANT COUNTY PUD NO. 2 FERC DISCUSSION

Mark Cook introduced Shannon Lowry from Grant County PUD and stated that she requested to meet with the Board to discuss the issues surrounding the Vantage Boat Launch area. Shannon Lowry presented an area map showing the ownership at the boat launch and explained the project boundaries. Shannon Lowry then gave a brief history of the boat launch and the restrooms that are currently owned by the County but are on Grant County PUD property. Shannon Lowry stated that those restrooms were vandalized and in the spring a meeting between herself, Mark Cook and Vice-Chairman O'Brien was held to discuss a path forward. Shannon Lowry continued that in July she reached out to Mark Cook to request a copy of the RCO Grant that is related to the restroom facility. Shannon Lowry stated that Mark Cook informed her that staff was applying for Public Facility funds to repair the restrooms but that the funding wasn't guaranteed. Shannon Lowry added that she was surprised when she received notice of the comments sent to FERC and that Grant County PUD wants to continue a partnership with Kittitas County. Shannon Lowry mentioned that the overflow parking at the boat launch and stated that the area in question is outside the project area. Shannon Lowry stated that there is no obligation by Grant County PUD on the parking and at the height of events that parking lot is full. Shannon Lowry added that she would like to leave today's meeting with a renewed commitment by PUD and they want to be a good partner. Vice-Chairman O'Brien stated that the Conference of Government scores various applications for funding award and that funding for the restrooms was not awarded for the repairs. Vice-Chairman O'Brien continued that Public Works does not have a stream of funding for the repairs and stated that the County has supported Grant County PUD in numerous ways during their projects at Vantage. Vice-Chairman O'Brien inquired about the gate that was put up on County property without notice or permission and Shannon Lowry stated that the gate was in the original design for the project and can provide keys to the County for it. Shannon Lowry added that she is committed to working with Mark Cook on a solution and they need a path forward in writing. Commissioner Wright stated that there is an expectation of service for the facility and that the County pays for costs and is burdened with servicing an area that is an attractive nuisance being that the facility is free to use by the public. Commissioner Wright added that the Board needs more from Grant County PUD than "they will do better". Chairman Osiadacz inquired as to where the PUD Commissioners are to discuss this issue and is concerned that conversations being had regarding these issues are not being taken seriously. Shannon Lowry replied that she is considered the decision maker since she is the Lands Recreation Manager but can put the Board of County Commissioners on the agenda of an upcoming meeting of the Grant County PUD Commissioners for further discussion. Chairman Osiadacz stated

that they will not be going to a meeting or cater to their agenda. Chairman Osiadacz added that it is the Commissioners responsibility to spend tax dollars wisely and she believes it is unwise to invest in a facility that is on someone else's property. Shannon Lowry commented that she understands that recreation isn't a high priority for the County and under previous management at Public Works; staff was very engaged in the plan and had conversations on a path to working together. Chairman Osiadacz stated that recreation is very important to the County and that currently there is an unequal partnership between the County and Grant County PUD. Shannon Lowry asked if the lack of grants funds means that the restrooms won't be getting repaired. Vice-Chairman O'Brien replied that currently no funding has been found for the repairs and funding for the facility is a challenge for the County. Vice-Chairman O'Brien continued that the County and Grant County PUD need to work together to get them fixed and would be open to meeting with the PUD Commissioners. Vice-Chairman O'Brien added that the restroom facility could be repaired to previous levels but upgrading to vandal proof facilities should be jointly funded. Chairman Osiadacz agreed with Vice-Chairman O'Brien that Kittitas County should not fully fund the upgrade and that the costs for vandal proof facilities should be a partnership. Mark Cook thanked the Board for having a conversation with Shannon Lowry and will update the Board if he hears anything further from FERC regarding the comments that were submitted.

DRAFT RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO FORMULATE ROAD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2018-01 WIEHL ROAD

Mark Cook stated that the last study session he committed to bringing forward a draft resolution for Board review and added that the Board may want legal review on the document. Mark Cook then went through the steps after the resolution is approved including notice in the newspaper of record and letters being sent out to property owners. Mark Cook added that he would like to get this item placed on the October 16, 2018 agenda session. Vice-Chairman O'Brien stated that he will send the resolution over to legal for review.

2018-2037 KITTITAS COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PLAN DISCUSSION

Mark Cook gave background on the project and stated that prior to the departure of Paul Jewell he gave comments on the draft plan that was presented to the Board for review. Mark Cook continued that those comments have been added to the plan. Mark Cook added that one element that was to be revised, connection of roadways for emergency purposes, staff declined to update. Mark Cook stated that the previous Commissioner thought it was an expensive project and had funding challenges but after hearing further conversations

from the Board he elected to keep the project in the plan. Chairman Osiadacz commented that the need for roadway connections is necessary. Discussion was held. Staff was directed to place the revised plan for adoption on the October 16, 2018 BOCC agenda session.

Meeting adjourned at 2:46 pm.

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



Candie Leader



Laura Osiadacz, Chairman