

**KITTITAS COUNTY  
PUBLIC WORKS STUDY SESSION MINUTES  
Webex  
Regular Meeting**

**MONDAY**

**1:30 PM**

**MARCH 8, 2021**

Board members present: Chairman Brett Wachsmith, Vice-Chairman Laura Osiadacz and Commissioner Cory Wright

Others: Mark Cook, Candie Leader, Josh Fredrickson, Rebecca Cruse, Nicole Ogan, Public Works; Dan Carlson, Jessica Miller, Mike Flory, Pat Nicholson, Ryan McAllister, Community Development Services; Neil Caulkins, Prosecuting Attorney's Office; Marc Eylar, Noxious Weed and One (1) Member of the Public

At 1:30 pm Chairman Brett Wachsmith opened the Public Works Study Session.

**QUADCO TAP GRANT WITH THE CITY OF ELLENSBURG**

Mark Cook gave background on the grant program through QUADCO and last week staff had a meeting with the City of Ellensburg regarding a project for a new pedestrian connection on Pfenning Road and Third Avenue. Mark Cook continued that the City of Ellensburg asked if the County would be interested in partnering on the grant application and a twenty (20) percent match would be used. Mark Cook added that the City of Ellensburg and the County would each be responsible for ten (10) percent and county staff would provide the survey. Discussion was held. Staff was directed to move forward with the grant application with the City of Ellensburg.

**INFRASTRUCTURE FOR REBUILDING AMERICA GRANTS (INFRA) NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**

Mark Cook gave background on the grant program and stated that staff did research on doing a design application for the I-90 widening project however, the application would be secondary to any projects that are construction ready. Mark Cook continued that the grant application would have to be done by the middle of March and it doesn't seem feasible to get an application done by that timeline. Mark Cook added that the Washington State Department of Transportation did request a letter of support for the re-decking of the bridge over the Columbia River and that has been sent over for BOCC review and consideration. Discussion was held. No direction was given.

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**THOMPSON PARK MILFOIL TREATMENT DONATION**

Mark Cook gave background on Thompson Park and the renaming to honor Sheriff Deputy Ryan Thompson along with other improvements to the park by the county road crew and milfoil treatment. Mark Cook stated that Marc Eylar with Noxious Weed contacted him about the donation of herbicide to control the milfoil infestation that does not affect the wildlife. Mark Cook added that Noxious Weed would donate staff time to apply the herbicide and no fiscal impacts are expected. Marc Eylar commented that the owner of the vegetation company contacted him after seeing the article in the newspaper for the renaming of the park and wanted to get involved. Marc Eylar added that he is licensed to apply the herbicide as well. Staff was directed to move forward with the application.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

There was no other business for discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm.



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Candie Leader

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Brett Wachsmith, Chairman