

**KITTITAS COUNTY
EC STUDY SESSION MINUTES
BOCC CONFERENCE ROOM, 205 WEST 5TH ROOM 108 - ELLENSBURG
Regular Meeting**

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| WEDNESDAY | 10:00 AM | December 8, 2021 |
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Board members present: Chair Brett Wachsmith, Commissioner Laura Osiadacz

Others: Kady Porterfield (Event Center Director), Lacie Dawson (Event Center Program Manager – via WebEx), Public: Rebecca Hought (via WebEx)

1. Call to Order – 10:02am

2. General Event and Rental Updates

Events are getting back to normal, lots of reservations coming in. Bloom use is very heavy, overbooked at times. There are many scheduling considerations for Bloom including time overlaps and time to work up the ground. Some renters have decided to rent in as-is condition in the evenings, as there isn't staff to work the ground for the later rides.

3. Self Promoted Events Business

Patriot Night will be held on July 3rd as the 4th is on a Monday. The city plans to hold events in the adjacent park during the day. CASA is looking into holding their cornhole tournament on grounds during the same time. It could be a win-win for all, as KVEC would benefit from the alcohol sales if we have a beer garden open. A lodging tax grant was awarded for \$22,750 – up from the prior year. The offer has been accepted for the headlining act at \$35,000. The headliner will be announced at the end of January with tickets on sale at the beginning of February. The fireworks show will be back on for '22 and Kady is working on safety prep for the event. Commissioner Wachsmith said he has received lots of positive feedback about the event and community buy-in is huge. Per Kady, the event broke even last year which is really encouraging since it was only the second year.

4. Approve contract with 2022 Patriot Night Under the Lights headlining artist

Commissioner Wachsmith verified the handwritten information on the proposal had been reviewed – yes per Kady, she sent the agreement to the prosecutors' office of verification and approval. Commissioner Wachsmith stated the contract read very well.

Commissioner Osiadacz made a motion to approve the contract as written, Commissioner Wachsmith seconded. Motion passes 2-0.

5. Sponsor Business

The Rodeo Board signed off on the Legends Casino sponsorship of the South grandstands and signage placement. Legends has also agreed to be a sponsor of Patriot Night again for 2022. The sponsorship check will be received either the end of this month or beginning of January. Kady is working to obtain sponsorship/branding of other fair-side facilities hopefully in the future.

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6. Special Projects

A health and safety grant of \$250,000 from WSDA was approved to pave the Armory parking lot. Kady is trying to coordinate it being done prior to fair but we have until 2023 to complete the project.

Kady is working with Patti to coordinate construction of the Bloom lean-to addition. Kady is also working with the Cascade Cow Cutters to lessen the impact on their shows.

Kady will be meeting with Dan on the Rodeo Board for developing the project and punch list for 2022.

IT is still working with Ednetics on security camera selection and implementation. The grant extension for that project was approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

There will be a meeting tonight in Western Town Shop 6 about the Shady Acres move out. Commissioner Osiadacz, Patti and other representatives will be available for discussion with community members at that time.

The Alder Street project is ongoing. Kady is meeting with Patti, CWU, City and State agencies as appropriate. They have spoken about widening the entry way and communication has gone well.

The bowling alley is on hold per Commissioner Wachsmith.

Meeting adjourned at 10:26am

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Kady Porterfield


Brett Wachsmith, Chairman