

**KITTITAS COUNTY  
PUBLIC WORKS STUDY SESSION MINUTES  
In-Person and Webex  
Regular Meeting**

**MONDAY**

**1:30 PM**

**May 23, 2022**

Board Members Present: Chairman Laura Osiadacz, Vice-Chairman Cory Wright, and Commissioner Brett Wachsmith.

Others: Mark Cook, Arden Thomas, Josh Fredrickson, Rebecca Cruse, Candie Leader, Public Works; Jeremiah Cromie, Community Development Services; (2) Members of the Public

At 1:30 pm Vice-Chairman Cory Wright opened the Public Works Study Session.

**FIRE EVACUATION ROUTE PLANNING EFFORT**

Mark Cook presented a proposed work program for the Fire Evacuation Route efforts. Mark Cook proposed that land use designation around evacuation routes be addressed, and land use limitations may occur for high-risk areas not suitable for defense. Questions pursued about what land use restrictions could be expected. Mark Cook added that additional planning will be needed to utilize an alert system for emergencies, particularly in Upper County areas with extensive recreational camping occurring. Vice-Chairman Cory Wright requested a buildable land survey be completed. The BOCC supports staff efforts and concluded that the survey will be fundamental in moving forward.

**SAFE ROUTE TO SCHOOL GRANT PROPOSAL**

Mark Cook seeks the Board of County Commissioners support on submission of a grant application to "Safe Routes to School" grant program. Mark Cook explained that this grant will assist in improving a corridor for students to safely travel to school from Roslyn. Questions pursued about easements and the affect on private properties adjacent to the proposed route. Vice-Chairman Cory Wright requested this proposal be presented to COG. BOCC supports submission of the application and directs staff to engage in additional outreach easement acquisition be performed prior implementation.

**FISCAL ANALYST/PW TECHNOLOGY SPECIALIST**

Mark Cook requested the Board of County Commissioners direction to formalize the Fiscal Analyst/ PW Technology Specialist position. The Board of County Commissioners supports moving the job description forward with Kittitas County Human Resources Department for finalization.

**APPROVED**  
6-7-2022

#### **YAKIMA RIVER ACCESS WAYFINDING SIGNS UPDATE**

Josh Fredrickson requested the Board of County Commissioners to direct staff to proceed in acquisition and installation of signs funded by a tourism grant awarded in 2020. The Board supports Public Works efforts and implementation. Vice-Chairman Cory Wright requested staff inform the BOCC for when the project is complete.

#### **SILVERTON ROAD VACATION**

Josh Fredrickson briefed the Board of County Commissioners on an application received from a resident of Silverton Road to vacate a portion of the unconstructed roadway. Josh Fredrickson continued that the applicant owns the adjacent properties and would like to better utilize the agricultural land unincumbered by the easement. Staff was directed to prepare enabling documents for a public hearing to consider the vacation of a portion of Silverton Road.

#### **WATER MITIGATION REFUND POLICY**

Arden Thomas asked for direction on implementation of a refund policy addressing the real cost of water mitigation. Arden Thomas emphasized that Kittitas County incurs cost associated with issuing the water mitigation certificate and is proposing that approximately 25% of the original fee be retained to cover the administration costs. Staff was directed to move forward with implementation of the refund policy.

#### **FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE VISIT**

Arden Thomas informed the Board of County Commissioners on a recent visit by the Floodplain Development Community Assistance Program. Arden Thomas added that at the end of June 2022 County Staff will meet with representatives from the State of Washington to address issues of concern presented by the Community Assistance Visit.

Meeting concluded at 2:28 pm.

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**Rebecca Cruse, Administrative  
Assistant**



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**Laura Osiadacz, Chairman**