

**KITTITAS COUNTY
PUBLIC WORKS STUDY SESSION MINUTES**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CONFERENCE ROOM**

Special Meeting

TUESDAY

3:00 PM

November 8, 2022

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

Others: Mark Cook, Rebecca Cruse, Public Works; Richard Mack, Thorp Mill Town Historical Preservation Society Board Member.

At 3:31 pm Chairman Laura Osiadacz opened the Public Works Study Session.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Richard Mack introduced himself, Board Member for the Thorp Mill Town Historical Preservation Society.

REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE CHAIRS ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE ON A FLOODPLAINS BY DESIGN LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSED 2023-2025 BIENNIAL CAPITAL BUDGET

Mark Cook briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the beneficial funding the Kittitas County Flood Control Zone District has received from participation in the Floodplains by Design program. Mark Cook asked the Board to authorize electronic signature on the letter of support for the proposed 2023-2025 biennial capital budget request. Vice-Chairman Brett Wachsmith motioned to approve Board authorization. Chairman Laura Osiadacz seconded the motion. Motion passed.

THORP MILL

Mark Cook briefed the Board of County Commissioners on acquisition of the historical Thorp Mill site. On a recent site visit Mark Cook noted the facility is in good condition with potential for recreation and tourism in Kittitas County. Richard Mack added that the facility has been dependent on volunteers for grounds upkeep, CWU Graduate students for administrative assistance, and various grants to preserve the Thorp Mill site and the facility is used by various groups throughout the year and due to the proximity, many are traveling the Palouse to Cascade Trail. Richard Mack extended an invitation to the Board of County Commissioners to tour the site. Staff was directed to prepare feasibility for the property.

AMENDING PUBLIC WORKS ADOPTED FEE SCHEDULE DISCUSSION

Mark Cook briefed the Board of County Commissioners that Public Works updated the fee schedule in 2022 and a fee needs to be set for Administrative Appeals. Staff was directed to bring to an upcoming agenda session to schedule a public hearing.

OTHER BUSINESS

SEARCH & RESCUE FACILITY DESIGN UPDATE:

Mark Cook stated that Public Works and other county staff met with Bora Architects to discuss designs for the Search & Rescue building in progress. Mark Cook stated there are several elements that may change due to funding risks and the funding available could make quite a difference in the budget for this project from \$2.5-\$4 million. Mark Cook added that this large gap if on the lower end would reflect in the County budget to build the facility out in phases, however, if fully funded, then the facility would be built to completion. Discussion was held on need to have natural gas as a more cost-effective energy source in such a large facility.

ELLENSBURG ILA FOR UGA:

Mark Cook opened a discussion on the ILA with City of Ellensburg and stated that staff has reviewed the road standards for both and notes drastic differences to address. Mark Cook added that staff will bring forward a full brief at future Study Session to address if Public Works should develop and implement their own urban standards.

Meeting concluded at 3:34 pm.

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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**Rebecca Cruse, Administrative
Assistant**



Laura Osiadacz, Chairman