

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

MONDAY

1:54 PM

November 28, 2022

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

Others: Mark Cook, Arden Thomas, Rebecca Cruse, Public Works; Dan Carlson, Jessica Miller, Toni Berkshire, Jeremiah Cromie, Jeremy Larson, Chace Pederson, Kelly Bacon, Community Development Services; (2) Members of Public.

At 1:54 pm Vice-Chairman Cory Wright opened the Public Works Study Session.

No Citizens Comments

SEARCH AND RESCUE ARCHITECTURAL CONTRACT DISCUSSION

Mark Cook briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the multiple components that are affecting the Search and Rescue Facility. Mark Cook stated that the facility has grown in scope from initial proposal and expansion includes an Emergency Command Center within the facility. Mark Cook added that the county is obligated the \$1.2 million from congressional spending and a minimum of \$2 million is predicted to build a shell of the facility and build out the rest in phases spread through several years. Mark Cook requested Board direction on this project moving forward. Vice-Chairman Cory Wright requested a special session be scheduled with staff.

BLACK HORSE AND WHISKEY CREEK UPDATE

Mark Cook briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the data loggers from Black Horse Ponds. Mark Cook stated that currently, the ponds are functioning as designed with the exception to Pond 3 and DR Horton is prepping ponds to begin a 2-year monitoring period. Mark Cook shared an update on the status of the interior roads at the Black Horse development and 90% of the paved roads have passed requirements to be established onto the county road system.

2023 ROAD STANDARDS REVIEW COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Mark gave background on past review of the County Road Standards and stated that in 2018 KPG evaluated the road standards and that the review committee in 2018 had several splits due to illness and the pandemic. Mark Cook added that staff had a renewed interest and requested Board of County Commissioners support to organize the

committee again to receive input from key contributors. Staff was directed to move forward as presented.

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT KACHESS DAM COMMENT RESPONSE

Mark Cook reviewed the Environmental Assessment comments by the Bureau of Reclamation for Kachess Dam projected and briefed the Board of County Commissioners. Discussion was held. Vice-Chairman Cory Wright will reach out to engage in conversation with the Bureau of Reclamation.

PUBLIC ACCESS OF KITTITAS LANDS DISCUSSION

Arden Thomas briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the intent to manage the lands acquired for Floodplain management for public access. Arden Thomas suggested staff draft a stewardship plan for Board approval and build upon existing Kittitas County Code Chapter 9.50 to address firearms use and hunting. Discussion was held. Staff was directed to engage the Public Lands Committee for input.

Meeting concluded at 2:37 pm

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Rebecca Cruse, Administrative
Assistant



Cory Wright, Vice-Chairman