

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

MONDAY

10:00 AM

October 2, 2023

Board members present: Chairman Cory Wright, Vice-Chairman Brett Wachsmith,
Commissioner Laura Osiadacz (via Webex)

Others: Kady Porterfield (Event Center Director)

1. Call to Order: 10:00AM

2. Citizen Comments (1 min. time limit): None

3. Kittitas County Fair Recap: Kady began by presenting her summary of the report from the WSDA Fair Commissioner that visited on Friday of Fair. We received very good feedback overall and are very pleased with the report. The Fair Board and the staff each compiled a list of things that went well and some things to focus on for next year. Kady informed of some of the top items that came out of those meetings.

Overall, it is estimated that we made 20% more in vendor revenue, about 7% more in carnival revenue, and the attendance was up too, but final numbers are still being determined. The Rodeo attendance was up over 40,000 this year, so that gives a good boost to our overall attendance. Both Chairman Wright and Vice-Chairman Wachsmith made positive comments about the Fair.

Chairman Wright than presented a question about the relationship of the Fair with the Chamber of Commerce and how that worked. Kady explained that since the Kittitas County Fair is a Chamber member, than the Chamber will conduct ribbon cutting ceremonies, like they did for the new addition constructed off of Bloom Pavilion. As a friendly partner, the Chamber was also given permission to conduct a short ceremony for their Lemonade Day program at the Fair.

Chairman Wright asked if the County had any deed restrictions for Reed Park on the hilltop above the Rodeo Grounds. Kady shared that she had not come across any such restrictions and after a survey was completed in the last year that confirmed Kittitas County has no parcel ownership at or around the park at the top, than we wouldn't have a say on any restrictions since it is fully City owned property.

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4. Grant Updates: KVEC has applied for several grants recently including a new one from WA State Tourism. The State Tourism grant was a \$30,000 request (maximum that could be requested) to help upgrade the sound and projection system in the Armory Hall. Kady also turned in the Consolidated LTAC grant for the Patriot Night concert, but could only request \$12,500 this year since it's the fifth year for the event. Two grants were submitted to the WSDA for the biennial Capital Improvement Grant. The first priority application was for a total of \$250,000 (maximum amount allowed to request) to begin work to design and development the new RV Park. The second priority application was for electrical upgrades for the barns and vendor area in a total of \$50,000.

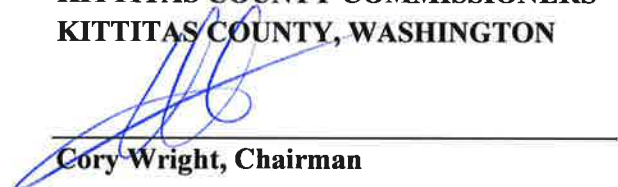
Commissioner Osiadacz asked if Kady had looked into the City LTAC grants recently. Kady shared that the City hasn't offered their own grant process since 2019, but would be continuing to keep an eye out for any opportunity they may provide.

5. Other Business: Kady reported that her and Patti are looking into new fire system servicing options in order to finally move forward on some fire system upgrades and work with a company willing to be proactive in the preventative maintenance of the systems.

6. Concluded at 10:42AM.


Kady Porterfield

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Cory Wright, Chairman