



KITTITAS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Mark Cook, Director

STUDY SESSION MINUTES November 27, 2017

THOSE PRESENT:

Paul Jewell, Laura Osiadacz, Obie O'Brien (BOCC); Luke Huck (DPW); Dan Carlson, Stephanie Mifflin, Lindsey Ozbolt (CDS)

WIEHL ROAD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT UPDATE:

Luke stated that staff has been working for the last couple years on a road improvement district for Wiehl Road residents. Originally, staff was working under the direction of formulating the road as a private road at the onslaught of the improvements. Earlier this year after researching the RCW's it was discovered that the road would have to be taken on system as a county road. This resulted in a higher cost than anticipated. Staff went back and redesigned the road, came up with additional costs, had further conversations with the Board about potential contributions from the county to help alleviate some of the costs. Luke continued that Director Cook has been looking into the formulation methods for establishing the district and informal conversations have been had with the Prosecuting Attorney's office and is suggesting to the Board that more formal conversations be held. Luke added that while he has not been completely involved in this project he did spend some time this morning looking into the different methods of establishment including reaching out MRSC and other counties. He found that are three avenues that can be used to formulate the district. These include the petition process, by resolution and by ballot. Discussion was held.

Board Direction:

Submit a request to the Prosecuting Attorney's office for support and schedule a special meeting for discussion.

FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE:

Luke stated that outreach has been done over the last six months with a total of eleven applications being received with five from District 1, four from District 2 and two from District 3. It was pointed out that one application was placed in the incorrect district and will be considered for the appropriate district. Commissioner Jewell inquired as if we are making appointments today. Luke commented that Director Cook was looking for direction as to next steps including continued outreach or accept what applications have been submitted for consideration. Commissioner Jewell suggested that appointments be made at today's meeting. Discussion was held.

Board Direction:

Commissioner Jewell nominated Scott Nicolai and Karen Poulsen for District 1. Commissioner O'Brien made a motion to appoint Scott Nicolai and Karen Poulsen to the Flood Control Zone District Advisory Committee representing District 1 with Commissioner Osiadacz seconding the motion. Motion passed with no discussion. Commissioner Osiadacz made a motion to appoint Jerry Martens, Patrick G. Deneen and Holly English representing District 2 to the Flood Control Zone District Advisory Committee. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion. Motion passed with no discussion. And Commissioner O'Brien made a motion to appoint Jeff Dunning and Ryan Lyyski representing District 3 to the Flood Control Zone District Advisory Committee. Commissioner Osiadacz seconded the motion. Motion passed with no discussion. Staff was directed to present a Resolution for consideration at the next agenda session.

OTHER BUSINESS:

PROJECT UPDATES:

Bar 14 Road Bridge:

Luke updated on the Bar 14 Road project stating that staff has received all permits and work is going on today, installing the bypass for the stream. Some of this work will be done in collaboration with Kittitas Reclamation District (KRD). Public Works permitted work is for 200 feet up and down the stream from the bridge. KRD's permitting is from their structure downstream all the way up to where our 200 feet begins. Discussion was held.

Mercer Creek:

Luke reported that staff is about a week or two away from receiving the necessary permits to start this project. We are working with the City of Ellensburg on this and are identifying who is going to secure the equipment needed to do the project. The City of Ellensburg has volunteered to complete some of the brushing that is needed since they have boom trucks and the necessary staff that is familiar with this type of work. Discussion was held.

Teanaway Bridge Rail:

Luke stated that the Teanaway Bridge Rail project is completed and is now open to traffic. The cost was around \$115,000 and it looks like we will not get any cost recovery from the driver's insurance company to reimburse for this project.


Luke Huck, County Engineer