

**KITTITAS COUNTY  
PUBLIC WORKS STUDY SESSION MINUTES  
Webex  
Regular Meeting**

**MONDAY**

**1:30 PM**

**SEPTEMBER 28, 2020**

Board members present: Chairman Brett Wachsmith, Vice-Chairman Laura Osiadacz

Others: Mark Cook, Candie Leader, Public Works; Dan Carlson, Jessica Miller, Pat Nicholson, Community Development Services; Benjamin West, Ken Grannan, Bowers Field

At 1:30 pm Chairman Brett Wachsmith opened the Public Works Study Session.

Mark Cook stated that he had no other business to add and all items for discussion today were related to Bowers Field.

**REQUEST TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO AWARD MASS X CONSTRUCTION THE BOWERS FIELD UTILITY EXTENSION CONTRACT**

Mark Cook gave background on the project and stated that Century West provided the contract plans and secured the building permit for this project. Mark Cook continued that this was a small works project and contractors listed on the MRSC Roster were solicited for bids. Mark Cook added that three (3) bids were received with Mass X Construction being the low bidder. Mark Cook stated that the bid amount is lower than the Engineer's Estimate, however, the contractor did contact staff with questions on the project. Vice-Chairman Laura Osiadacz inquired as to why the Public Works study session agenda was regarding all Bowers Field items. Mark Cook stated that the items on today's agenda were time sensitive and he still has the contracting authority for Bowers Field and additional training for staff needs to be completed. Chairman Brett Wachsmith made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-155 Awarding Mass X Construction the Bowers Field Utility Extension Contract. Vice-Chairman Laura Osiadacz seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0.

**REQUEST TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION FOR THE BOWERS FIELD WSDOT CARB LOAN**

Benjamin West stated he had been working with Public Works on updating the Binding Site Plan and that he has received deposits for ten (10) lots. Benjamin West continued that with the update to the Binding Site Plan the taxi lanes need to be extended and there is additional funding through the WSDOT CARB Loan program available for this project. Vice-Chairman Laura Osiadacz inquired if the Airport budget can support the payments for the payback of the loan. Benjamin West replied that there was funding left from the previous WSDOT budget. Discussion was held. Chairman Brett Wachsmith made a

motion to approve Resolution 2020-156 approving the Bowers Field WSDOT CARB Loan. Vice-Chairman Laura Osiadacz seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0.


**WETLAND DELINEATION AT BOWERS FIELD**

Mark Cook gave background on the ongoing Environmental Assessment at Bowers Field and stated that he has briefed the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) multiple times during the project. Mark Cook stated that the project team met to discuss the next steps for the wetland delineation and the mitigation strategy for Bowers Field. Mark Cook continued that there are two ways to move forward with the project; "preliminary jurisdictional determination" or "approved jurisdictional determination". Mark Cook added that the US Army Corp of Engineers (Corp) was scheduled to make a site visit last fall but then fell under a non-travel status and now with COVID-19 a site visit soon is unlikely. Mark Cook stated that waiting for the approved determination could take up to six (6) months and timelines for this project are tight. Mark Cook added that the project team feels in a better position now to move forward with a preliminary determination. Discussion was held. Staff was directed to move the item for discussion to the October 6<sup>th</sup> agenda session under Board Discussion and Decision so Commissioner Cory Wright to participate in the discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 1:54 pm

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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Candie Leader

  
Brett Wachsmith, Chairman