

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

MONDAY

1:30 PM

JANUARY 11, 2021

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

Others: Mark Cook, Arden Thomas, Candie Leader, Josh Fredrickson, Rebecca Cruse, Public Works; Dan Carlson, Mike Flory, Jessica Miller, Pat Nicholson, Community Development Services and Five (5) Members of the Public

At 1:56 pm Chairman Brett Wachsmith opened the Public Works Study Session.

CRYSTAL CREEK FLOOD STUDY AND MAP UPDATES

Mark Cook introduced Arden Thomas to present the item for discussion. Arden Thomas gave background on the study for Crystal Creek and the input received from the City of Roslyn and City of Cle Elum. Arden Thomas stated that previous modeling was done in the 1970's by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the new study utilized better topography and site condition information along with advanced modeling techniques. Arden Thomas continued that the critical information coming out of the study is that there will be no expansion of the mapped floodway designation and proposes minor map revisions within the one hundred (100) year and five hundred (500) year floodplains. Arden Thomas added that staff will be attending the City of Cle Elum Council meeting scheduled for today's date for a presentation. Discussion was held. Staff was directed to move forward with outreach to affected property owners.

FLOODPLAINS BY DESIGN LETTER OF SUPPORT

Mark Cook gave background on a previous request from Floodplains by Design and a request for signature on a letter of support to the Governor for seventy (70) million dollars in funding for 2021-2023. Mark Cook continued that Public Works has secured funding from this program for projects and acquisition. Mark Cook added that the Governor's Office is now sending the request for funding to the legislature and a similar action is being requested to show support. Vice-Chairman Laura Osiadacz made a motion to approve the Chair's signature on the letter of support with Chairman Brett Wachsmith seconding the motion. Motion passed 2-0.

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SNOQUALMIE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT WATER RIGHT AND HYAK PARKING UPDATE

Mark Cook reported that Tom Hastings with Snoqualmie Public Utility District (SPUD) noticed him of the approval by the Department of Ecology for foreign water rights. Mark Cook gave background on the project in progress by SPUD for a wastewater treatment plant and the Board authorizing two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) from the Public Facilities Fund supporting the project. Discussion was held. Mark Cook stated that there are still issues with parking at Hyak by recreational users and the facility shared with SPUD is being blocked. Mark Cook gave background on the work staff has done with implementing parking fines and with the approval of updating the LAMIRD to include impound yards as an allowable or conditional use. Staff can work on a proposal to contract with a tow company to remove illegally parked vehicles using an impound yard proximate to Hyak. Further discussion was held.

PUBLIC WORKS PERMIT FEE REVIEW

Mark Cook gave background on the last fee update completed in 2017 by Public Works and other county departments utilizing a fee model implemented with a consultant. Mark Cook continued that staff is now collecting data to support an increase of fees along with internal processes of permit routing. Mark Cook added that he will have a complete briefing for the Board by the end of the first quarter of 2021 and a proposal for implementation by the end of the second quarter of 2021. Discussion was held.

LEASE OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY FOR PARCEL NUMBER 901833

Mark Cook reported that a lease with a property owner was established in 1981 for a structure located partially in the Vantage Highway right of way. Mark Cook continued that the lease is set to expire in October of this year and the original lessee has since sold the property with the lease not being assignable. Mark Cook added that the new property owner is looking to renew the lease. Mark Cook stated that it is problematic for the county to allow incursions of private property into county right of way. Mark Cook commented staff is recommending termination of the lease and working with the property owner on a solution.

UPPER COUNTY TRUCK TRAFFIC RESTRICTION

Mark Cook gave background on the action taken by resolution in 2018 establishing truck traffic restrictions annually from May 15th to September 15th on certain upper county roads. Mark Cook continued that at the last Upper County Traffic Committee meeting members inquired about making the restriction year-round. Mark Cook added that with the absence of a Commercial Vehicle Officer employed by the Sheriff's Office it is hard to enforce a year-round restriction. Discussion was held. Staff was directed to attend a Special Meeting

scheduled for Wednesday, January 13th at 3:30pm with the Sheriff for further discussion. Staff was also directed to notify the Upper County Traffic Committee of the meeting and solicit for attendance.

OTHER BUSINESS:

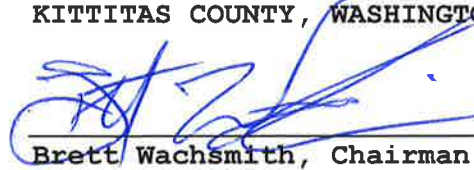
There was no other business for discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 2:36 pm.



Candie Leader

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Brett Wachsmith, Chairman