

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

<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>April 14, 2021</b>
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Board members present: Chair Brett Wachsmith, Commissioner Laura Osiadacz – both via WebEx

**Others:** Kady Porterfield (Event Center Director), Lacie Dawson (Event Center program Manager); Morgan Ryan (member of the Public) – all via WebEx

**1. Call to Order:** 10:01am

**2. General Event and Rental Updates:** Per Kady: we are very happy to still be in phase 3. There will be a roping in the Rodeo Arena the first weekend of May. We are also holding trainings, business meetings, other events as permitted and the vaccine clinic. The Rodeo Arena is open and looking good. We are excited to be hosting Bares and Broncs – hoping to still be in phase 3 for it.

**3. Self Promoted Events Business:** Per Kady: there are ongoing discussions with the promoter of how to make the concert work within the current restrictions. With not being able to have floor seating or a beer garden it looks like it may not be financially feasible for this year. Holding off on ordering fireworks until a final decision is made about the concert. Commissioner Wachsmith stated that it is a great community event.

**4. Grant Updates:** Per Kady: the WSDA Fairs Commission is planning to increase their finds from \$2 million to \$8 million for the upcoming biennium for health and safety grants. They have not released all the information yet, but it is hoped that the amount a fair can request will be increased from the typical \$100,000 as well to assist in completing some bigger projects. The grant could possibly go toward paving the Armory parking lot as the next safety related project on the fairgrounds.

There is also a Shuttered Venues Operatot Grant that some fairgrounds are eligible for. Kady is monitoring the web site to apply as soon as the application is up.

**5. Special Projects:** The Buckaroo Stands project is nearly complete and it looks great. Ceiling tiles and carpet to be installed soon. Colockum demo is planned to start in early May, the tents are ordered. Staff is currently working on patching holes in the decking on the South Grandstands. The North Grandstands will be cleaned and painted. The painting

project for the yellow halls went out to bid. It will include repair of rotten boards in addition to the paint.

**6. Approve PSA with Western Engineering Constructors:** They will be repairing the Posse Barns at the end of the month. Commissioner Osiadacz made a motion to approve the PSA with Western Engineering Constructors. Commissioner Wachsmith seconded motion. No discussion. Motion passes 2-0.

**7. Approve Resolution Authorizing KVEC Director Signature on Property Loss Settlement and Granting Director Authority to Handle All Corollary Matters Related to Settlement:** This is specifically regarding the water damage under the South Grandstands from the fire sprinkler system head that burst. An emergency declaration was already approved previously to handle the mitigation and repairs needed due to the incident. Commissioner Osiadacz made a motion to Approve Resolution Authorizing KVEC Director Signature on Property Loss Settlement and Granting Director Authority to Handle All Corollary Matters Related to Settlement. Commissioner Wachsmith seconded motion. No discussion. Motion passes 2-0.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** none

Meeting adjourned at 10:13am

  
Kady Porterfield

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Brett Wachsmith, Chairman