

**KITTITAS COUNTY
EC STUDY SESSION MINUTES
WEBEX,
Regular Meeting**

WEDNESDAY	10:00 AM	February 9, 2022
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Board members present: Chairman Laura Osiadacz (via Webex), Brett Wachsmith (via Webex)

Others: Event Center Director Kady Porterfield (via Webex), Event Center Program Manager Lacie Dawson (via Webex), Patti Stacey Solid Waste/Maintenance Director (via Webex)

Call to Order: Chairman Osiadacz called the meeting to order at 10:01am

General Event and Rental Updates:

Events are going smoothly. There have been a few events that had to cancel due to Covid outbreaks, which resulted in a loss of deposit for those groups.

We will be holding 3 Cascade Cow Cutter shows (April, May, June) – later shows were moved to a backup location due to projected construction around Bloom.

Chamber of Commerce Amenity Use Agreement:

The 5-year agreement for table and chair use expires 3/7/22. Kady would like to send them a new contract with a new rate structure (\$1/chair \$7/table). Chair Osiadacz supports the idea, asked that Kady please check with legal for the new contract (Kady agreed). Commissioner Wachsmith is in support of the idea.

Self-Promoted Events:

Patriot Night tickets are on sale and the act has been announced. We will be having Easton Corbin as our headliner. Ticket sales are a bit slow for the first few days but hearing lots of people are excited and love the artist. Paid social media ads have begun this week. Interns will work on social media marketing. Changing seating this year – arena floor will be general admission 21+ (no seats), then will also have box seats and grandstand seats that are family friendly. City will be hosting events in the park and Kady is working on coordination with them. The corn hole tournament likely will not happen this year.

Fair planning is going well. No Blast Pass this year but will still use Saffire for ticketing (it worked very well). There will be a discussion with vendors on the need to be able to accept credit cards.

Sponsor Business:

First check has been received from our Legends sponsorship. Kady is working with Legend's contractors for sign placement this spring.

Special Projects:

Rodeo Board would like to expand the fencing at Behind the Chutes (will follow format of new grandstands). It would expand west; the old concession booth will need to be removed. Rodeo has spoken to the fire marshal on location and accesses. For the new fence, they will use a product that looks like wood but will hold up to the environment better.

Patti has some concerns about building codes and whether all of the grandstands in that area will need to be brought up to code if work takes place. Kady will need to stay in close contact with the Rodeo Board on the work to be done and make sure they complete the proper permitting requirements.

Both commissioners are in support of the project, suggest checking with city code enforcement in addition to the fire marshal.

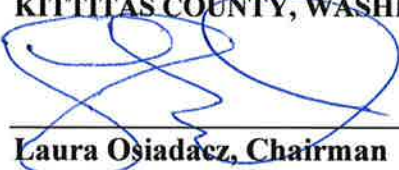
OTHER BUSINESS

Kady will meet with public works on Monday to discuss the Armory paving project and Ferris wheel location. The ADA parking along the south side of the Armory also needs to be fixed as a large puddle form there.

Kady is working on updating the cow pens behind the track, and hoping to complete that project this year before Fair and Rodeo.

Meeting adjourned at 10:22


Kady Porterfield

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Laura Osiadacz, Chairman