

Benton County Planning Department

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Benton County Shorelines Hearing Board
Regular Hearing – JANUARY 3, 2013 – 7 p.m.
Benton County Planning Department - Planning Annex
1002 Dudley Avenue, Prosser, WA 99350

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Brent Chigbrow
Dean Burows
Bob Page
Aimee Bergeson

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Clark Posey, Senior Planner
Carel Hiatt, Recorder

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2013:

MOTION: It was moved and seconded that the Officers for 2012 be retained for the 2013 year as the following: Chairman – Brent Chigbrow, Vice-Chairman – Dean Burows. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

SCUP 12-03 – The application was submitted to the Benton County Planning Department on September 18, 2012 and deemed complete for processing on September 25, 2012. LS Networks proposes to install new fiber optic cables on the existing Grant Street Bridge. The proposed fiber optic cable will be suspended above the Yakima River. Location: The Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 2, Township 8 North, Range 24 East, W.M. aka Grant Street crossing of the Yakima River. Applicant: LS Networks -: Leif Hansen – 921 SW Washington Street – Ste. 370 – Portland, Oregon 97205.

The public hearing was opened. Clark Posey, Planning Staff read to the Board ex parte issue questions and those wishing to testify during the meeting were sworn in.

Clark Posey, summarized the action for the Board. The reasoning for this action being presented to the Shorelines Hearing Board was that the cable will be crossing the Yakima River and the Grant Street Bridge. The Planner then entered into the record Exhibit "E" which outlined all the exhibits presented to the Board on this action. SHBH

1.1 Email from Kennewick Irrigation District was entered into the record and presented to the Shorelines Hearing Board.

APPLICANT TESTIMONY:

Glenn Becker – 521 Midvale Road – Sunnyside, WA 98944 – CoastCom, Inc. Construction Engineer representing the applicant LS Networks. Mr. Becker explained to the Board how the fiber optic cable would be installed on the Grant Street Bridge and poles. The fiber optic line would be for Verizon and AT & T affecting the Benton City and Prosser areas.

Mr. Chigbrow asked the Planner if the reasoning this action was before the Shorelines Hearing Board had to deal with the fact that the cable would be crossing the bridge and the river. The Planner replied that to be correct.

Mr. Page asked if the waterway would be disturbed by this installation.

Mr. Becker replied that the waterway would not be disturbed.

PROPONENT TESTIMONY/APPLICANT REBUTTAL: NONE

Hearing closed, findings of fact completed.

APPLICANT TESTIMONY:

SCUP 12-04 – The application was submitted to the Benton County Planning Department on September 18, 2012 and deemed complete for processing on September 25, 2012. LS Networks proposes to cross the Yakima River shorelines on existing REA poles. Location: The shoreline crossing will cross the Yakima River in the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 18, Township 9 North, Range 27 East, W.M. approximately 350 feet South of the North line of Section 18. Applicant: LS Networks – Leif Hansen – 921 SW Washington St.- Ste.370 – Portland, Oregon 97205

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Clark Posey, summarized the action for the Board. The reasoning for this action being presented to the Shorelines Hearing Board was that the cable will be crossing the Yakima River and connecting to existing REA poles. The Planner then entered into the record Exhibit "E" which outlined all the exhibits presented to the Board on this action.

APPLICANT TESTIMONY:

Glenn Becker – 521 Midvale Road – Sunnyside, WA 98944 – CoastCom, Inc. Construction Engineer representing the applicant LS Networks. Mr. Becker explained to the Board how the fiber optic cable would be installed onto existing REA poles. The

fiber optic line would be for Verizon and AT & T affecting the Benton City and Prosser areas. He would also be connecting with Benton REA with regards to attaching the fibro optic cables to their existing poles.

Mr. Burows questioned Number 3 of the findings of fact noted in the Board's memo dated December 6, 2012. The Planner replied that it would be removed as it did not apply to this action.

PROPONENT TESTIMONY/APPLICANT REBUTTAL: NONE

Hearing closed, findings of fact completed.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT REPORTS/DISCUSSION: NONE

The Chairman adjourned the Shorelines Hearing Board at 7:30 p.m.

SHORELINES HEARING BOARD



BRENT CHIGBROW, CHAIRMAN

2/7/2013

DATE