

Minutes of the meeting of the Port of Whitman County of January 21, 2010.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. in the Port office in Colfax, Washington. Present were all Commissioners, the Properties and Development Manager, and the Port Attorney.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A **MOTION** was made to approve the Minutes of the meeting of January 7, 2010, as mailed and entered in the minute book. The motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:** The Commissioners considered the claims.

Commissioner Boone inquired as to Claim No. 19441. The Properties and Development Manager responded that it was the annual fee on the Port's G.O. Bond.

Commissioner Gronholz inquired as to Claim No. 19455. The Properties and Development Manager reported the claim was for work done on mapping for the rail program grant application.

Commissioner Love inquired whether the claim of SEWEDA, No. 19457, would be reimbursed to the Port. The Properties and Development Manager reported that the majority of the claim was reimbursed through the ADO Contract.

Commissioner Love inquired as to Claim Nos. 19458 and 19459. The Properties and Development Manager reported that these were fees from utility pole users for the work to "make ready" the poles for the Port's fiber optic lines.

Commissioner Boone inquired as to Claim No. 19460. The Properties and Development Manager reported that the claim was part of the emergency repair work at the Almota dock.

Commissioner Boone inquired as to Claim No. 19461. The Properties and Development Manager reported the claim was for construction block for the retaining wall for the office parking lot expansion project.

A **MOTION** was made to pay Claim Nos. 19437 through 19461 totaling \$27,382.35. The motion carried.

At 10:20 a.m., Joe Smillie of the Whitman County Gazette joined the meeting.

**PORT OF STOCKTON ON SACRAMENTO RIVER:** Commissioner Love reported that on a recent trip to California he had an occasion to observe operations at the Port of Stockton on the Sacramento River and was very impressed with the size and diversity of operations occurring there.

**PUBLIC OFFICIALS REGIONAL BREAKFAST:** Commissioner Boone reported that on January 20, 2010, he attended the public officials regional breakfast. University of Idaho President Dwayne Nellis spoke at the meeting. President Nellis spoke on committing the University to more outreach and cooperation between the University and the community. He also cautioned that he spoke against a backdrop of substantial budget cuts affecting the University.

**PBAC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING:** Commissioner Boone reported on attending the PBAC Advisory Committee meeting of January 14, 2010.

**PIONEER PORTS MEETING:** Commissioner Boone reported on attending the Pioneer Ports meeting in Clarkston on January 13, 2010. The Executive Director and the Port Attorney also attended the meeting. The Port of Lewiston reported on its dock extension project, with an estimated cost of \$2.7 million.

**RPTO MEETING:** Commissioner Boone also reported that he attended the RPTO meeting with Commissioner Gronholz.

**RPTO/SEWEDA MEETING:** Commissioner Gronholz reported on the RPTO/SEWEDA meeting of January 12, 2010. The Port's request to include rail in transportation planning was presented to the group. The group was also advised on concerns about availability of financing for local businesses. One problem appears to be the lack of information regarding proposed and pending regulations coming from the federal government.

**PULLMAN INDUSTRIAL PARK WEST - EXTENSION OF UTILITIES:** The Properties and Development Manager reported on the grant application to CERB for extending utilities to Pullman Industrial Park West. It is anticipated the application will be sent in by the end of the following week.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-03:** A **MOTION** was made to pass Resolution No. 10-03 authorizing the grant application to CERB for extension of utilities and improvements to Pullman Industrial Park West. The motion carried.

**GRANT APPLICATION BY NOANET FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:** The Properties and Development Manager reported that the grant application by NoaNet for \$93 million for additional information technology has been completed. The Port's portion of the grant application includes \$12.4 million for the telecommunications project, of which the Port would have approximately a \$2.4 million match.

**ALMOTA - DOCK REPAIR WORK:** The Properties and Development Manager reported that the Executive Director has inspected the dock repair work at Almota and the work is proceeding on schedule.

**WILMA - REPLACEMENT OF DOLPHIN:** In related news, it appears that the permit for replacing the dolphin at Wilma will be granted. Plans are for the work to be undertaken in March.

**WPPA LEGISLATIVE DAY:** It was noted that the Washington Public Ports Association Legislative Day is scheduled for February 1, 2010. The Properties and Development Manager and Commissioner Love will plan to attend. A lunch is scheduled with Legislators Schmick and Fagan.

**PORT OFFICE - PARKING LOT EXTENSION PROJECT:** The Properties and Development Manager reported that the parking lot extension project at the Port office is proceeding. It should be completed except for paving within the next couple of weeks.

At 11:00 a.m., Dick Watters joined the meeting.

**ADO ACTIVITIES:** Mr. Watters presented a report on ADO activities. He noted that the business plan competition is proceeding. He anticipates at least 10 high school teams will be entering the high school division. The competition date is scheduled for April 23, 2010. Mr. Watters reported that the "knowledge corridor" group has tentatively scheduled a meeting for February 19, 2010. The topic will be coordination of business activity with WSU resources. He also reported that SEWEDA was planning to schedule a "open house" on February 11, 2010, at the Bank of Pullman.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-04:** The Properties and Development Manager reported that SEWEDA, the County Commissioners, and the Port have discussed transferring the ADO Contract from the Port to SEWEDA. The Department of Commerce has preliminarily indicated acceptance of the transfer. A **MOTION** was made to pass Resolution No. 10-04 authorizing transfer of the ADO Contract to SEWEDA. The motion carried.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS/PORT COMMISSIONERS MEETING:** It was noted that the next County Commissioners/Port Commissioners meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 8, 2010, at the County Commissioners' office.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 11:30 a.m., the Port President called for an executive session, with the regular meeting to reconvene at 11:50 a.m. to discuss real estate issues.

**REGULAR MEETING RECONVENED:** At 11:50 a.m., the regular meeting of the Port of Whitman County reconvened following executive session. Present were all Commissioners, the Properties and Development Manager, and the Port Attorney.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** At 11:55 a.m., there being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned.

PORT OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION

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ROBERT F. GRONHOLZ, President

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DANIEL W. BOONE, Vice President

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JOHN E. LOVE, Secretary