

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Port of Whitman County of February 21, 2008.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. in the Port office in Colfax, Washington. Present were Commissioners Boone and Love, the Executive Director, and the Properties and Development Manager. Also present was Joe Smillie of the Whitman County Gazette. Commissioner Gronholz and the Port Attorney were absent attending a railroad governance conference in Spokane. Gary Libey attended on behalf of Bruce Ensley.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A **MOTION** was made to approve the Minutes of the meeting of February 7, 2008, as mailed and entered in the minute book. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: A **MOTION** was made to approve Claim Nos. 17947 through 17958 totaling \$8,470.31. The motion carried.

COMMISSIONER UPDATES: Commissioner Love and the Properties and Development Manager attended the regional information briefing at the Port of Benton County in preparation for the upcoming PNWA Mission to Washington.

Commissioner Boone shared a full page color ad from the Lewiston Tribune taken out by the Port of Clarkston, featuring their commission and staff as well as information on their operations and direct and indirect benefits to the community.

ADO MEETING: The Properties and Development Manager gave a report for Commissioner Gronholz who had attended the ADO meeting in Clarkston on February 12, 2008.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-03: Resolution No. 08-03 regarding the Quit Claim of Water Rights on the Mader property recently purchased by the port was approved by unanimous motion.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-04: Resolution No. 08-04 authorizing the surplus and sale of a port owned building at 1525 NE Merman Drive in Pullman was approved by unanimous motion.

ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION AGREEMENTS: The Properties and Development Manager reported that the lease assignment of Lot I at the Port of Wilma from Bennett Lumber Products to Granger Company had been completed.

The agreement between TGM and Granger Company adjusting the leased property line between lots H & I at the

Port of Wilma, adding approximately 1 acre to Site H subtracting the same from Site I, was briefly discussed. A **MOTION** was made to sign the agreement. The motion carried.

POWBAC - POLE BUILDINGS UPDATE: The Executive Director reported that the bi-fold doors had come in and were waiting on additional framing to be built prior to final installation at the pole buildings at POWBAC.

PORT OF WHITMAN SUBDIVISION II UPDATE: The Properties and Development Manager informed the Commissioners that Will Brown, a party interested in leasing a portion of Wilma Subdivision II, had completed his due diligence and decided not to lease the property.

RAIL GOVERNANCE UPDATE: The Executive Director gave a report that several parties were meeting in Spokane on February 21, 2008 to discuss rail governance for the eastern Washington short lines purchased by the state. Commissioner Gronholz and port attorney Bruce Ensley are in attendance. The Executive Director reported that at least \$50 million over and above the initial \$8 million would be needed to rehabilitate the existing lines. This dollar amount would not include the repair of the burned trestle on the Colfax to Pullman segment.

PNWA MISSION TO WASHINGTON UPDATE: The Properties and Development Manager and Commissioner Love will attend the 2008 PNWA Mission to Washington. The dates of the meeting are March 2-6. It was noted that Commissioner Love and the Properties and Development Manager will be absent for the next regular port commission meeting on March 6, 2008.

Gary Libey left the meeting at 11:00 a.m. The Properties and Development Manager took minutes for the remainder of the meeting.

ADO UPDATE - TAMMY LEWIS: Tammy joined the meeting at approximately 11:15 a.m. She updated the commission on the WSU business plan competition, the recent ADO meeting as several upcoming meetings and seminars relating to economic development. She is also working on coordinating the annual Housing Forum in Pullman and participating in Palouse Knowledge Corridor branding project.

MEETING RECESSED: The meeting was recessed for lunch at 11:30 a.m.

MEETING RE-CONVENED: The meeting was reconvened at 12:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners Boone and Love, the Executive Director, and the Properties and Development Manager.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 12:05 p.m., the President called for an executive session to discuss a real estate issue with the regular meeting to reconvene at 12:30 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING RECONVENED: At 12:40 p.m., the public session of the regular meeting of the Port of Whitman County reconvened following executive session.

MEETING ADJOURNED: There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

PORT OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION

DANIEL W. BOONE, President

JOHN E. LOVE, Vice President

ROBERT F. GRONHOLZ, Secretary