

Minutes of the meeting of the Port of Whitman County of April 1, 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 Commissioners Boone and Love, the Properties and Development Manager, and the Port Attorney. Also present was Joe Smillie of the Whitman County Gazette.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A **MOTION** was made to approve the Minutes of the meeting of March 16, 2010, as mailed and entered in the minute book. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: The Commissioners considered the claims.

Commissioner Love inquired as to Claim No. 19629. The Properties and Development Manager explained that the claim was for construction of a concrete pad at the Port hangar building at POWBAC. The hangar facility will be leased to a fixed-base operator.

Commissioner Love inquired as to Claim No. 19627. The Properties and Development Manager reported that the claim was for a repair to the "courtesy car" at POWBAC.

A **MOTION** was made to pay Claim Nos. 19600 through 19633 totaling \$47,057.37 and electronic funds transfer for payroll taxes of \$6,598.50. The motion carried.

REVIEW OF AGED RECEIVABLES: The Commissioners reviewed the aged receivables accounts with the Properties and Development Manager.

VALLEY VISION: Commissioner Boone reported on a visit with Bob Tippett of Valley Vision. Among the matters discussed was the application for a Conditional Use Permit for development of a "motocross" track on the Port's property north of the highway at Wilma. Mr. Boone reported that he advised Mr. Tippett the permit process was ongoing and the Port did not know what decision would be made. Mr. Tibbett and Mr. Boone also discussed the impacts of the scheduled dam closure on the economy of the Lewiston-Clarkston Valley.

PIP WEST (LOCUST GROVE): The Properties and Development Manager reported that the Washington State Department of Transportation has prepared a deed for transferring a small portion of property within the abandoned right-of-way adjacent to the Pullman Industrial Park West (Locust Grove). The state has fixed a price of \$1,875 for the property. A **MOTION** was made to accept the deed and pay the

requested purchase price of \$1,875 for transfer of ownership from the state to the Port. The motion carried.

NOANET TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROJECT: The Properties and Development Manager and the Port Attorney reported on the Noanet telecommunications project. Noanet has accepted the grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce. The Port is a sub-recipient on the grant. The Port is working with Noanet to coordinate the Port's obligations under the grant.

WILMA - RAILROAD CROSSING ON SPUR LINE COMPLETED: The Properties and Development Manager reported that the railroad crossing on the spur line at Wilma has been completed.

MOTOCROSS PROJECT: The Properties and Development Manager reported on the motocross project. The prospective Port tenant is EC Enterprises. A conditional use permit hearing on the project is scheduled before the Whitman County Board of Adjustment at 7:00 p.m. at the Public Service Building in Colfax.

Dick Watters joined the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

REPORT ON SEWEDA ACTIVITIES: Mr. Watters presented a report on SEWEDA's activities. It was noted that ADO obligations have transferred from the Port to SEWEDA affective April 1, 2010.

SEWEDA BOARD MEETING: Mr. Watters reported that on May 11, 2010, the SEWEDA Board would be meeting in Colfax.

BUSINESS PLAN COMPETITION: Mr. Watters reported on the business plan competition which is scheduled for April 23 and 24, 2010. Six entries have been received in the open competition category. Twenty-four entries have been received in the high school competition category. The high school competition is open to high schools in Asotin and Whitman Counties.

THANK YOU TO DICK WATTERS: The Commissioners thanked Mr. Watters for his work in fulfilling the ADO responsibilities under the Port auspices. Mr. Watters will continue in the same role with SEWEDA.

REGULAR MEETING RECESSED: At 11:55 a.m., the Port President called for a lunch recess, with the regular meeting to reconvene at 12:30 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING RECONVENED: At 12:30 p.m., the regular meeting of the Port of Whitman County reconvened following lunch recess. Present were Commissioners Boone and Love, the Properties and Development Manager, the Port Attorney, and Dick Watters.

COMMISSIONER GRONHOLZ EXCUSED FROM PORT MEETINGS

THROUGH MAY 6, 2010: A **MOTION** was made to excuse Commissioner Gronholz from attendance at Port Commission meetings through May 6, 2010. The motion carried.

CERB BOARD - REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF UTILITY SERVICES

FROM PULLMAN TO PIP WEST: The Properties and Development Manager reported that the Port would be appearing for the second time before the CERB Board on May 20, 2010, to present the Port's request for a grant for extension of utility services from Pullman to the Pullman Industrial Park West (Locust Grove). The CERB Board has requested a letter of support from the Whitman County Commissioners. The County Commissioners have been asked for a letter of support for the project. The Properties and Development Manager also reported that the Port has scaled back its request from \$1.3 million to \$1 million to conform with the CERB Board's current loan limit policy.

PULLMAN TO SHAWNEE SUBSTATION TELECOMMUNICATIONS

PROJECT: The Properties and Development Manager reported on the Port's cooperative project with Avista Company on constructing a fiber optic line from Pullman to the Shawnee Substation. A **MOTION** was made to authorize the Properties and Development to sign a letter of agreement with Avista for the Pullman to Shawnee Substation telecommunications project. The motion carried.

WSU PRESIDENT FLOYD TO CONFER WITH ELECTED OFFICIALS:

It was noted that WSU President Elson Floyd will be in Colfax on April 8, 2010. Dr. Floyd is scheduled to confer with elected officials at 4:00 p.m. and conduct a "town hall" type meeting at 5:30 p.m. Due to scheduling conflicts, none of the Commissioners or Port staff will be able to attend the meeting. The Port Attorney was asked to represent the Port at the 4:00 p.m. session.

WPPA SPRING MEETING:

It was noted that the Washington Public Ports Association spring meeting will be held at Lake Chelan on May 12-13, 2010. Commissioners Boone and Love and the Properties and Development Manager will plan to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 1:15 p.m., the Port President called for an executive session to discuss a legal issue with the Port Attorney, with the regular meeting to reconvene at 1:35 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING RECONVENED:

At 1:35 p.m., the regular meeting of the Port of Whitman County reconvened following

executive session. Present were the Commissioners, the Port Attorney, and the Properties and Development Manager.

MEETING ADJOURNED: At 1:40 a.m., there being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned.

PORT OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION

ROBERT F. GRONHOLZ, President

DANIEL W. BOONE, Vice President

JOHN E. LOVE, Secretary