

Minutes of the meeting of the Port of Whitman County of April 15, 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 Executive Director, and the Port Attorney.

COMMISSIONER GRONHOLZ'S DEATH NOTED: It was noted for the record that Commissioner Gronholz died on April 13, 2010.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A **MOTION** was made to approve the Minutes of the meeting of April 1, 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. 19657. It was reported that the claim was for rock for the rail crossing repair at Wilma.

Commissioner Boone inquired as to Claim No. 19638. It was reported that the claim was for the Port office long distance service charges. The service provider has changed names.

A **MOTION** was made to approve Claim Nos. 19634 through 19659 totaling \$35,920.46. The motion carried.

Joe Smillie of the Whitman County Gazette joined the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

QUARTERLY BREAKFAST OF REGIONAL PUBLIC OFFICIALS: Commissioner Love reported on attending the quarterly breakfast of regional public officials on April 7, 2010. One topic of discussion at the breakfast was the possible location of a new hotel/convention complex in the vicinity of the Palouse Ridge Golf Course in Pullman.

PUBLIC OFFICIALS MEETING WITH DR. ELSON FLOYD: The Port Attorney reported on attending a public officials meeting with Dr. Elson Floyd (WSU) on April 8, 2010, in Colfax. Dr. Floyd spoke to the challenges facing the university due to budget cuts. Dr. Floyd reported that he was approaching the problem based on priorities rather than implementing across-the-board cuts. As a result, some programs will be cut more severely than others.

NOANET: The Executive Director reported that terms and conditions for sub-recipients of the U.S. Department of Commerce grant to NoaNet have been received by the Port and are under review.

PCC RAIL BOARD - COMMISSIONER LOVE APPOINTED AS PORT'S

REPRESENTATIVE: A MOTION was made to appoint Commissioner Love as the Port's representative on the PCC Rail Board. The motion carried.

ADO PROGRAMS - BUDGET CUTS: The Executive Director reported that additional budget cuts have been proposed for the state ADO programs.

RTPO/SEWEDA BOARD - COMMISSIONER BOONE APPOINTED AS

PORT REPRESENTATIVE: A MOTION was made to appoint Commissioner Boone as Port Representative on the RTPO/SEWEDA Board. The motion carried.

PULLMAN INDUSTRIAL PARK WEST - UTILITY SERVICES: The Executive Director reported that the County Commissioners have provided a letter to the CERB Board endorsing the extension of utility services by the City of Pullman to Pullman Industrial Park West. The project represents a joint effort by the Port and the City of Pullman to extend utility services to the Park.

At 11:00 a.m., Curt Wilson, Carla Snyder, Gary Snyder, and Mike McCann joined the meeting.

WILMA - MOTOCROSS TRACK FACILITY: Discussion ensued regarding the proposed use of the site north of the road at Wilma for a motocross-type track facility. It was noted that the Whitman County Planning office had approved a conditional use permit for the site. The visitors are adjoining land owners. Their concerns included noise and dust control issues and the impact on the potential use of the adjoining properties as future residential sites.

Mr. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Snyder, and Mr. McCann left the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING RECESSED: 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 of April 15, 2010, was reconvened. Present were Commissioners Boone and Love, the Executive Director, and the Port Attorney.

PORT COMMISSION/COUNTY COMMISSION QUARTERLY MEETING: It was noted that the Port Commission/County Commission quarterly meeting was scheduled at 3:00 p.m. in the Port office on May 3, 2010.

MAY 6, 2010, PORT COMMISSION MEETING: It was noted that the Port Commission meeting of May 6, 2010, would convene

at the Port office and reconvene thereafter at Boyer Park and Marina for the balance of the meeting for the Commissioners' annual inspection of the park.

LEASE PROSPECTS: The Executive Director reported on various lease prospects.

MEETING ADJOURNED: At 1:30 p.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