

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Port of Whitman County of May 1, 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 all Commissioners, the Executive Director, the Properties and Development Manager, and the Port Attorney. Also present was Joe Smillie of the Whitman County Gazette and Gary Young.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A **MOTION** was made to approve the Minutes of the meeting of April 17, 2008, as mailed and entered in the minute book. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: A **MOTION** was made to approve Claim Nos. 18064 through 18098 totaling \$82,234.82 and electronic funds transfer for payroll taxes of \$7,108.05. The motion carried.

REGULAR MEETING RECESSED: At 10:10 a.m., the Port President announced that the meeting would recess until 11:30 a.m. at Boyer Park & Marina and that en route the Commissioners would tour the Business Air Center and the Boyer facilities.

REGULAR MEETING RECONVENED: At 11:20 a.m., the regular meeting of the Port of Whitman County reconvened following recess and tour of POWBAC and the Boyer Facilities at Boyer Park & Marina in Whitman County, Washington. Present were all Commissioners, the Executive Director, the Properties and Development Manager, the Port Attorney, and Gary Young.

POWBAC - MARKETING OF POLE BUILDINGS: The Properties and Development Manager reported on plans to begin marketing the new pole buildings at POWBAC.

RAIL AUTHORITY MEETING: Commissioner Gronholz and the Executive Director reported on the Rail Authority meeting of April 30, 2008, in Spokane. The meeting was mostly devoted to governance issues and the terms of an agreement with the State Department of Transportation. The next meeting has not been scheduled, but it is anticipated it will be held within the next two to three weeks.

Joe Smillie of the Whitman County Gazette joined the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

POWBAC - KIT BUILDING: The Properties and Development Manager reported that the low bidder for the kit building at POWBAC is R & M Steel and a small works roster bid has been awarded to the company.

POWBAC - AUDIT OF TAXIWAY PROJECT: The Properties and Development Manager reported on the recently concluded federal audit of the POWBAC taxiway project. The exit interview indicated there were no errors to be noted.

POWBAC - LEASE OF SITE BY GERALD MITCHELL: The Properties and Development Manager said that Gerald Mitchell of Colfax is contemplating an intent to lease a site at POWBAC. Mr. Mitchell plans to construct a 40'x50' building on the site.

CITY OF PULLMAN - FORMATION OF NEW STORM WATER UTILITY: The Properties and Development Manager reported that the City of Pullman is developing a new storm water utility which will affect all residents and real estate owners in Pullman. The plan is based on a \$7 per square foot charge for each 3,500 square feet of impervious surface. The new charges will be added to existing water and sewer bills by the 3rd quarter of 2008. All port owned buildings will be subject to this new utility.

ALMOTA ROAD: The Executive Director reported that the Almota Elevator Company and Whitman County Growers are both operating facilities at Almota and have expressed concern about the deteriorating conditions of the Almota Road. The Port will contact the RPTO regarding the condition of the roadway.

PNWA MID-YEAR MEETING - COUGAR GOLD: A MOTION was made to authorize three tins of Cougar Gold for the PNWA mid-year meeting. The motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS' STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING: It was noted that the Commissioners' strategic planning meeting was scheduled for 9:00 a.m. in the Port office in Colfax on May 5, 2008.

PORT COMMISSIONERS/COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING: It was noted that the Port Commissioners and County Commissioners meeting was scheduled for 3:00 p.m. at the Port office in Colfax on May 5, 2008.

REGULAR MEETING RECESSED: At 12:10 p.m., the President called for a recess, with the regular meeting to reconvene at 1:10 p.m. in the Port office in Colfax.

REGULAR MEETING RECONVENED: At 1:10 p.m., the regular meeting of the Port of Whitman County of May 1, 2008, reconvened in the Port office in Colfax. Present were all Commissioners, the Executive Director, the Properties and Development Manager, and the Port Attorney.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Port President called for an executive session, with the regular meeting to reconvene at 1:25 p.m. The purpose of the executive session was to discuss a real estate issue.

REGULAR MEETING RECONVENED: At 1:25 p.m., the regular meeting of the Port of Whitman County of May 1, 2008, reconvened following executive session. Present were all Commissioners, the Executive Director, the Properties and Development Manager, and the Port Attorney.

At 1:30 p.m., Georgie Leinweber joined the meeting.

POWBAC - AERIAL SPRAY APPLICATOR PROGRAM: The Executive Director reported on the aerial spray applicator program at POWBAC. The program requirements were discussed.

At 2:25 p.m., Ms. Leinweber left the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 2:30 p.m., the Port President called for an executive session to discuss a real estate issue, with the regular meeting to reconvene at 3:00 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING RECONVENED: At 3:00 p.m., the regular meeting of the Port of Whitman County reconvened following executive session. Present were all Commissioners, the Executive Director, the Properties and Development Manager, and the Port Attorney.

WILMA - LONGVIEW FIBRE SITES: The Commissioners and the Executive Director discussed the possible assignment of the sites leased by Longview Fibre at Wilma to the Stimson Company. The Executive Director reported that he had been in touch with Stimson officials and the company did not have a business plan for development of the site, the creation or addition of a substantial number of new jobs, or plans for adding infrastructure that would substantially add to the tax base. The Commissioners asked the Executive Director to indicate to Longview Fibre that under the circumstances they did not favor an assignment to Stimson.

MEETING ADJOURNED: There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

PORT OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION

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