

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Port of Whitman County of May 21, 2009.

**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 Gronholz and Boone, the Properties and Development Manager, and the Port Attorney. Commissioner Love joined the meeting by phone.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A **MOTION** was made to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of May 7, 2009, as mailed and entered in the minute book. The motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:** A **MOTION** was made to approve Claim Nos. 18920 through 18940 totaling \$30,152.02 and to void Claim No. 18880 to the Health Care Authority in the sum of \$4,044.97. The motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-05:** A **MOTION** was made to pass Resolution No. 09-05 declaring surplus Hangar No. A-4 at POWBAC and authorizing its sale. The motion carried.

At 10:20 a.m., the telephone conference connection with Commissioner Love was terminated.

At 10:30 a.m., Joe Smillie of the Whitman County Gazette joined the meeting.

**WASHINGTON PUBLIC PORTS ASSOCIATION SPRING MEETING:** Commissioner Boone and the Properties and Development Manager reported on the Washington Public Ports Association spring meeting held on May 13-14, 2009, in Pasco. The sessions included the following: (1) legislative changes--of particular note is the substantial reduction in CERB funding; (2) marine forecast--of particular note, Washington State continues to be the most trade-dependent state in the nation; (3) a briefing on rent relief policies for ports; and (4) a briefing on work force training in the state, with a focus on training in the community colleges.

**BOYER PARK - TREE REMOVAL AND TRIMMING PROJECT:** The Properties and Development Manager reported the tree removal and trimming project at Boyer Park has been completed. She noted that maintaining the trees at Boyer will be an ongoing process, but removal on the scale just completed should not be necessary again for several years.

**BOYER PARK - DOCK REPAIRS:** In other news at Boyer, the Properties and Development Manager reported that the dock

repairs necessitated by the boat fire occurring earlier in the spring are near completion.

**WILMA RAIL SPUR PROJECT:** The Properties and Development Manager reported that H & H Engineering Construction of Stockton, California, is the apparent low bidder on the Wilma rail spur project, and it is anticipated that an award of the contract to the company will be issued shortly.

**VALLEY VISION ANNUAL MEETING:** It was noted that the Valley Vision annual meeting is scheduled for June 2, 2009, in Lewiston. Commissioner Boone plans to attend.

**SWEDA - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POSITION:** The Commissioners discussed the announcement for the Executive Director position open at SWEDA. Commissioner Gronholz commented that in addition to the economic development responsibilities of the organization, an explanation as to the community development responsibilities should have been included in the announcement.

**INLAND PORTS NAVIGATION GROUP:** The Port's continuing participation with the Inland Ports Navigation Group as administered by the PNWA was briefly discussed. No action was taken. The Commissioners will discuss the matter further at the next meeting.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** At 12:00 p.m., there being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned.

PORT OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION

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JOHN E. LOVE, President

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ROBERT F. GRONHOLZ, Vice President

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DANIEL W. BOONE, Secretary