

Minutes of the meeting of the Port of Whitman County of July 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 all Commissioners, the Executive Director, the Properties and Development Manager, and the Port Attorney.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A **MOTION** was made to approve the Minutes of the meeting of June 17, 2010, as mailed and entered in the minute book. The motion carried.

LEASE TO DARYL JACKSON OF HANGAR BUILDING AT POWBAC: A **MOTION** was made to approve a lease to Daryl Jackson of a hangar building at POWBAC. The motion carried.

COMMISSIONER COX APPOINTED TO OFFICE OF PORT SECRETARY: A **MOTION** was made to appoint Commissioner Cox to the office of the Port Secretary. The motion carried.

REVIEW OF AGED RECEIVABLES: The Commissioners and the Executive Director reviewed the aged receivables. The Executive Director explained that modifications to the IRU agreements with Wired and Wireless, and the IRU with Cactus Computer are being negotiated. It was also noted that the NoaNet account and the Merry Cellars account were current as of the date of the Port meeting.

Dick Watters joined the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

PNWA MID-YEAR MEETING: The Commissioners briefly discussed the presentation made at the recent PNWA mid-year meeting pertaining to the planned river closures for lock repairs and the impact on regional agricultural-related businesses.

BTOP-1 REPORT: The Executive Director reported on the status of the BTOP-1 grant. He reported that the draft environmental assessment has been reviewed by the Port staff and referred back to NoaNet. He also reported on attending a teleconference training session, along with other port staff, conducted for the subrecipients (the Port is one of 11 subrecipients) on June 29, 2010.

PCC RAIL REPORT: The Executive Director reported on PCC Rail Board matters. A recent flashflood took out one of the bridges on the Coulee City line. The PCC plans to authorize \$50,000 for emergency repairs for the bridge from the balance of the rehab money. A **MOTION** was made to authorize Port approval for expenditure of \$50,000 of state

rehab money for emergency repairs for the bridge on the Coulee City line. The motion carried.

It was noted that the big question for the regional short lines would be how to fund such items when the state rehab money is exhausted.

STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING: A **MOTION** was made to schedule a Commissioners'/Executive Director's strategic planning meeting on July 19, 2010, at 10:30 a.m., in the Port office in Colfax. The motion carried.

CENTRAL FERRY WATER WELL PROJECT: The Properties and Development Manager reported that the Central Ferry water well project will be going out for small works roster bids shortly. The planned bid opening will be July 22, 2010.

SEWEDA REPORT: Dick Watters reported on activities of SEWEDA. He noted that the business plan competition was a big success. The winner of the Port-supported division was an online home schooling service. First place in the high school competition was shared by two Pullman High School students.

In other SEWEDA news, Mr. Watters reported that a "mayors' forum" was recently held in Colfax which included mayors from the regional cities and towns, as well as other local officials. A second meeting for the same officials is tentatively scheduled for September 15, 2010.

REGULAR MEETING RECESSED: At 12:15 p.m., the Port President called for a lunch recess, with the regular meeting to reconvene at 12:45 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING RECONVENED: At 12:45 p.m., the regular meeting of the Port of Whitman County was reconvened in the Port office in Colfax, Washington. Present were all Commissioners, the Executive Director, the Properties and Development Manager, and the Port Attorney.

HICKMAN BEQUEST: The Executive Director reported that plans were being developed for the trees to be planted pursuant to the Lawrence Hickman bequest. Tentatively a location at Almota has been selected. Representatives of the Hickman Estate will be contacted as to the site selection.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 1:00 p.m., the Port President called for an executive session to discuss real property site selection issues, with the regular meeting to reconvene at 1:30 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING RECONVENED: The public session of the regular meeting of the Port of Whitman County was reconvened at 1:30 p.m. following executive session. Present were all Commissioners, the Executive Director, the Properties and Development Manager, the Port Internal Auditor/Accountant, and the Port Attorney.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: The Commissioners reviewed the claims. A **MOTION** was made to pay Claim Nos. 19786 through 19822 totaling \$54,050.34 and electronic funds transfer for payroll taxes of \$6,429.76. The motion carried. A **MOTION** was made to void Claim No. 19672. The motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED: At 1:50 p.m., there being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned.

PORT OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION

DANIEL W. BOONE, President

JOHN E. LOVE, Vice President

DONALD COX, Secretary