

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Port of Whitman County of August 20, 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 Love and Boone, the Executive Director, the Properties and Development Manager, the Port Attorney, and Joe Smillie of the Whitman County Gazette.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A **MOTION** was made to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of August 6, 2009, as mailed and entered in the minute book. The motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:** A **MOTION** was made to approve Claim Nos. 19118 through 19135 totaling \$79,364.51. The motion carried.

**QUARTERLY REGIONAL BREAKFAST OF ELECTED OFFICIALS:** Commissioner Boone reported on attending the quarterly regional breakfast for elected officials on August 19, 2009. Commissioner Love also attended the meeting. A program on planning for regional economic development was presented.

**SEPTEMBER 17, 2009, PORT COMMISSION MEETING**  
**RESCHEDULED:** A **MOTION** was made to reschedule the regular meeting of the Port Commission of September 17, 2009, to September 22, 2009, due to scheduling conflicts. The motion carried.

**IPZ REPORT:** The Executive Director reported that the IPZ infrastructure and improvements at the Henley Court Building are near completion. The Executive Director also reported that approximately \$1.4 million is scheduled to be included in the State Department of Commerce budget for existing IP zones. There are 11 zones that will be eligible if the funding is approved. The Executive Director reported that the management services contract with Don Tilton has been extended another year.

**MERRY CELLARS - IMPROVEMENTS:** The Properties and Development Manager reported that the improvements for Port tenant Merry Cellars at the Henley Court Building are near completion.

**PCC RAIL BOARD MEETING:** The Executive Director reported on attending the PCC Rail Board meeting of August 19, 2009. Lincoln County Commissioner Ted Hopkins will be stepping down as PCC President effective August 24, 2009. Commissioner Gronholz has been elected to the position. Work on the Tiger

grant application is continuing. If awarded, the grant funds will be primarily used for improvements to existing rail lines. It was noted that a meeting of interested parties and stakeholders is scheduled for August 27, 2009, at the McGregor facilities near Colfax.

**NOANET TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM:** The Properties and Development Manager reported that the Port's telecommunications grant application to the USDA has been completed and submitted. The grant, if awarded, will be used in conjunction with the NoaNet telecommunications system.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING:** It was noted that the Port Commissioners' strategic planning meeting will be held on August 24, 2009, commencing at 9:00 a.m. at the Spokane Club in Spokane, Washington.

**ADO PROGRAM - BUDGET CUT:** The Properties and Development Manager reported on a 9.1% budget cut in state funding for ADO programs. She reported that the Department of Commerce is warning that additional cuts are likely to occur in the future.

**WILMA - LEASE OF PROPERTY FOR FOUR-WHEELER TRACK:** The Properties and Development Manager reported that she has received an inquiry as to the possible lease of the Wilma property north of the highway for development and use as a "four-wheeler" track. Discussion ensued. The Commissioners indicated they had no objection to the lease of the site for this use in concept, but they recognized that considerable development challenges would be presented to the tenant. It was noted that the neighboring landlords may not look favorably on this type of development. There are no present services at the site and the cost of development could be considerable. No action was requested or taken.

**WPPA - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR:** It was noted that the Washington Public Ports Association is holding an economic development seminar in Walla Walla on September 17-18, 2009. Commissioner Love will plan to attend.

**INLAND NORTHWEST PARTNERS FALL MEETING:** It was noted that the Inland Northwest Partners fall meeting was scheduled for September 24, 2009, in Worley, Idaho, at the Coeur d'Alene Casino. Commissioners Love and Boone will plan to attend.

**PACIFIC NORTHWEST WATERWAYS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING:** It was noted that the Pacific Northwest Waterways

Association annual meeting was scheduled for October 13-15, 2009, in Vancouver, Washington. Commissioners Boone and Love and the Executive Director will plan to attend.

**TRANSPORTATION MEETING:** It was noted that Congresswoman McMorris Rodgers has scheduled a meeting on transportation issues for August 22, 2009, in Spokane. Commissioner Love will plan to attend.

**FAIR BOOTH AT PALOUSE EMPIRE FAIR:** Signup sheets were completed for attending the Port's fair booth at the Palouse Empire Fair September 10-13, 2009.

**PCC RAIL AUTHORITY BOARD:** A **MOTION** was made to reappoint Commissioner Gronholz as representative and the Executive Director as alternate representative to the PCC Rail Authority Board. The motion carried.

**REGULAR MEETING RECESSED:** At 11:35 p.m., the President called for a lunch recess, with the regular meeting to reconvene at 12:00 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING RECONVENED:** At 12:00 p.m., the regular meeting of the Port of Whitman County of August 20, 2009, was reconvened following lunch recess. Present were Commissioners Love and Boone, the Executive Director, the Properties and Development Manager, and the Port Attorney.

**OIL SANDS PROJECT:** The Executive Director reported on the "oil sands" project.

**SPOKANE TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROJECT:** The Executive Director presented a brief report on the Spokane telecommunications project.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** At 1:10 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