

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Port of Whitman County of September 18, 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 Properties and Development Manager, and the Port Attorney.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A **MOTION** was made to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of September 2, 2008, as mailed and entered in the minute book with the following correction: Commissioners Boone and Love will plan to attend the Port of Portland dinner. The motion carried.

LONGVIEW FIBRE - SALES TAX: A **MOTION** was made to approve the payment of sales tax in the amount of \$6,984 in addition to the approved purchase price of \$78,000 for certain personal property items purchased from Longview Fiber in conjunction with the Lease Termination Agreement of sites D, E, and part of F at Wilma. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: The Commissioners considered the claims. Commissioner Gronholz inquired as to a claim for spur line improvements at Wilma, Claim No. 18376. The Properties and Development Manager reported that the line was repaired to a condition suitable for operations through the end of harvest this season and that the Port has plans for working on renovation of the entire main spur. A **MOTION** was made to approve Claim Nos. 18355 through 18388. The motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 08-16: A **MOTION** was made to approve Resolution No. 08-16 consenting to the assignment of the lease of Site G at Wilma from Tidewater to TGM. The motion carried.

WILMA - SURPLUS BUILDING ON SITE E: A **MOTION** was made to declare as surplus a small office building at Wilma on Site E acquired from Longview Fibre. The motion carried.

WILMA - SURPLUS LOG LOADER AND PORTABLE SCALE AT SITES D, E, AND F: A **MOTION** was made to declare as surplus a log loader and portable scale acquired by the Port from Longview Fiber at the termination of the lease at Site D, E, and part of F at Wilma and authorizing the sale of the same to Bennett Lumber Products, Inc. The motion carried.

PALOUSE BASIN AQUIFER COMMITTEE - ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING: Commissioner Boone reported on attending the Advisory Committee to the Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee (PBAC) on September 11, 2008. Commissioner Boone also announced that there

was an annual water summit scheduled for the region on October 7, 2008, commencing at 10:00 a.m. at the University Inn in Moscow, Idaho. Many of the regional public officials are scheduled to attend.

PALOUSE KNOWLEDGE CORRIDOR - BROCHURE: The Properties and Development Manager reported on development of a brochure for the "Palouse Knowledge Corridor" by Latah County EDC and participating partners.

LOSONOCO - PAST DUE RENT AND LEASE TERMINATION: The Port Attorney reported on recent correspondence sent to Losonoco regarding past due rent and lease termination of the lease site at Wilma.

PORT WEBSITE: The Properties and Development Manager reported that an update of the Port's website is in the works. The Port is consulting with Mindshare Consulting on the update.

BUSINESS AIR CENTER - 2008 MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION CONTRACT: A **MOTION** was made to sign the 2008 maintenance and operation contract with A-6 Construction (Fenders) for the business air center. The motion carried.

POWBAC - 2009 MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION CONTRACT: The Properties and Development Manager reported that the Port staff was working on a 2009 maintenance and operation contract for POWBAC.

POWBAC - 2008 CONTRACT EXTENDED: A **MOTION** was made to extend the 2008 contract for POWBAC with A-6 Construction until November 30, 2008. The motion carried.

PIONEER PORTS MEETING: It was noted that the Pioneer Ports meeting was scheduled for September 30, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. at Hilltop Restaurant in Pullman.

INLAND NORTHWEST PARTNERS MEETING: It was noted that the Inland Northwest Partners meeting was scheduled for September 25, 2008, in Moscow, Idaho, at the Best Western University Inn.

QUARTERLY BREAKFAST OF REGIONAL OFFICIALS: It was noted that the quarterly breakfast of regional officials scheduled for October 1, 2008, at Washington State University commences at 7:00 a.m. All three Commissioners will plan to attend.

PULLMAN-MOSCOW REGIONAL AIRPORT: It was reported that the University of Idaho has withdrawn from the Pullman-Moscow Regional Airport Board and has also announced it will not be providing funding for maintenance and operations for the year 2009.

It was noted that the Port's funding agreement with the Pullman-Moscow Regional Airport Board would automatically renew in the annual amount of \$20,750 for the year 2009 unless the Port

otherwise provides notice no later than October 1, 2008. No action was taken.

PEDC CHANGES NAME: It was reported that the Palouse Economic Development Council (PEDC) has changed its name to Southwest Economic Development Association ("SEWEDA").

The Executive Director joined the meeting at 11:50 a.m., having just concluded attending the Regional Rail Governance Board meeting.

RAIL GOVERNANCE BOARD: The Executive Director reported that the Rail Governance Board had just met with several of the shippers on the four lines. He reported that the Geiger spur is 70% complete and scheduled to be completed this fall. The rehab projects scheduled and funded by the Legislature are about 36% complete and approximately \$3.6 million has been spent. Approximately \$8.6 million is slated for the 2009 construction window. The Board plans to investigate insurance options for the rail line infrastructure.

REGULAR MEETING RECESSED: At 12:20 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 reconvened following lunch recess. 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 until 1:00 p.m. to discuss real estate issues.

REGULAR MEETING RECONVENED: At 1:00 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.

MEETING ADJOURNED: There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

PORT OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION

DANIEL W. BOONE, President

JOHN E. LOVE, Vice President

ROBERT F. GRONHOLZ, Secretary