

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Port of Whitman County of October 13, 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A **MOTION** was made to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of October 2, 2008, as mailed and entered in the minute book. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: A **MOTION** was made to approve Claim Nos. 18430 through 18447 totaling \$45,110.41. The motion carried.

REGIONAL WATER SUMMIT: Commissioner Boone reported on attending the Regional Water Summit on October 7, 2008. There were approximately 200 attendees at the meeting, including many elected and public officials. Among the topics discussed in the morning session was what volume of water use is sustainable for the region. There appears to be no solid consensus on this issue. The afternoon session focused on water conservation measures.

ADO POSITION AT SEWEDA: The Executive Director reported that Dick Watters has been offered the Whitman County ADO position at SEWEDA. He also noted that the ADO reporting requirements are being modified by the state, and the Port will be working with SEWEDA on compliance with the new requirements.

STATE HIGH-SPEED INTERNET WORK GROUP: The Executive Director reported that the high-speed internet work group now is discussing regional infrastructure which is of special interest to our port. This topic will remain the focus of discussion at the next two to three meetings. The group meets once a month

BUSINESS PLAN COMPETITION: It was noted that the business plan competition is scheduled for December 5, 2008.

REGIONAL RAIL BOARD - BUSINESS PLANS: The Executive Director reported that the three railroads have submitted their business plans to the Regional Rail Board. The Board is working on a grant application for state transportation funding of approximately \$14 million.

BOYER PARK - ARBORIST INSPECTION: The Executive Director reported that the arborist has completed his inspection of Boyer Park and a written report should be forthcoming. It is

anticipated that removal of some trees and a major trimming of the remaining trees will be recommended.

CACTUS COMPUTERS - ADDENDUM TO IRREVOCABLE RIGHT OF USE AGREEMENT: A **MOTION** was made to execute an Addendum to the Irrevocable Right of Use Agreement with Cactus Computers, adding a fiber run to the Agreement. The motion carried.

LOSONOCO: The Properties and Development Manager reported that she recently spoke with Don Markley of Losonoco. Mr. Markley is located in Florida but he reports that he has been attempting to get an answer from the "home office" in England regarding the Port's proposal on the termination agreement for the lease site at Wilma, but no response has been forthcoming.

PORT WEBSITE: The Properties and Development Manager reported that the work on updating the Port website is continuing.

POWBAC - CONCRETE WORK: The Properties and Development Manager reported that the concrete work at POWBAC is proceeding on pace and, weather permitting; the project should be completed sometime in the coming week.

WASHINGTON PUBLIC PORTS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING: Commissioner Gronholz and Commissioner Boone will plan to attend the Washington Public Ports Association annual meeting in Tacoma on November 19-21, 2008.

INLAND NORTHWEST PARTNERS MEETING: Commissioner Love and the Executive Director will plan to attend the Inland Northwest Partners meeting on November 19, 2008, in Spokane.

NOVEMBER 20, 2008, PORT MEETING RESCHEDULED TO NOVEMBER 17, 2008: It was noted that due to conflicts with other meetings, the regular meeting of November 20, 2008, has been rescheduled to November 17, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. in the Port office in Colfax.

PORT COMMISSION/COUNTY COMMISSION JOINT MEETING: It was noted that the Port Commission and County Commission joint meeting was scheduled for November 3, 2008, in the Port office in Colfax at 3:00 p.m.

ANNUAL PORT TOUR: It was reported that the annual tour sponsored by the Port and the Pullman Chamber of Commerce was scheduled for November 14, 2008. The primary destination will be at the Railex railroad facilities at Wallula.

REGULAR MEETING RECESSED: At 12:10 p.m., the Port President called for a lunch recess until 12:40 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING RECONVENED: At 12:40 p.m., following lunch recess, the regular meeting of the Port of Whitman County of October 13, 2008, was reconvened following lunch recess. All Commissioners, the Executive Director, the Properties and Development Manager, and the Port Attorney were present.

PORT ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER: Following a brief discussion, the Port's annual Christmas dinner was tentatively scheduled for December 4, 2008, in the Port office starting at 5:30 - 6:00 p.m.

PORT OFFICE - PARKING CANOPY: The Commissioners and the Executive Director discussed the small works roster bid/proposal for a parking canopy for the Port office back parking lot. A **MOTION** was made to authorize the Executive Director to proceed with a small works roster bid on a parking canopy for the parking lot behind the Port office. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 12:50 p.m., the Port President called for an executive session to discuss real estate negotiations, with the regular meeting to reconvene at 1:10 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING RECONVENED: At 1:10 p.m., following executive session, 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 1:10 p.m.

PORT OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION

DANIEL W. BOONE, President

JOHN E. LOVE, Vice President

ROBERT F. GRONHOLZ, Secretary