

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Port of Whitman County of December 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 Commissioners Love and Gronholz, the Properties and Development Manager, and the Port Attorney. Also present was Pat Jensen of Tidewater Barge Lines. Commissioner Boone joined the meeting by speakerphone.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A **MOTION** was made to approve the Minutes of the meeting of December 4, 2008, as mailed and entered in the minute book, with a correction entered for the voucher numbers and the total claims approved. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: The Commissioners considered the vouchers. Commissioner Boone inquired as to Claim No. 18583 from Mike's Pole Barns, specifically as to whether this was the final payment for the hangar project at POWBAC. The Properties and Development Manager reported that the voucher was a progress payment and did not represent the final payment.

A **MOTION** was made to approve Claim Nos. 18553 through 18585 totaling \$56,333.14. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-20: A **MOTION** was made to approve Resolution No. 08-20 adopting a Executive Director's Authority for the year 2009. The motion carried.

Dick Granger joined the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

The telephone conference call was terminated with Commissioner Boone.

PORT OF WILMA - SECURITY SERVICES: Mr. Jensen and Mr. Granger reported that a private security firm has been providing security services at Wilma and is closing effective December 31, 2008, due to the death of its owner. The firm has been engaged by Tidewater Barge Lines, the Bennett Lumber Company, and the Granger Company for many years. Mr. Jensen and Mr. Granger presented a request that the Port consider different solutions to security other than the tenants being solely responsible for security. They reported that currently Tidewater is spending approximately \$40,000, and Bennett and Granger \$25,000 annually on private security service. The Commissioners indicated that the Port was willing to listen to any proposal. It was suggested that the Executive Director work with the companies to examine the issue. Mr. Granger volunteered to work with the

port executive director on potential security models. Mr. Jensen and Mr. Granger left the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

POWBAC - T-HANGAR: The Properties and Development Manager reported that the T-hangar building project at POWBAC was very near completion. She also reported that the new entrance sign at POWBAC has been installed.

MEETING ADJOURNED: There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

PORT OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION

DANIEL W. BOONE, President

JOHN E. LOVE, Vice President

ROBERT F. GRONHOLZ, Secretary