

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

April 8, 2014 – 10:00 a.m.

Those present were:

Acting Chairman, Commissioner Kenny Schutte
Commissioner Terry Thompson
Executive Director Doyle Palmer
Admin Assistant Kim Coreson

Acting Chairman K. Schutte called the meeting to order. D. Palmer was home sick, attending via conference call.

It was moved K. Schutte, seconded by T. Thompson that the agenda be approved, putting Mike Crosier at the top so he can present his topic first.

T. Thompson moved, and K. Schutte seconded to approve the last meeting's minutes. Vouchers were approved in a motion by T. Thompson, seconded by K. Schutte.

K. Schutte asked that Mark Conner be put on the agenda for next meeting.

Mike Crosier addressed the commissioners regarding putting a bridge and gas line in at White Bluffs. His presentation included charts showing that Grant and Adams County have poor statistics when compared to those "upwind" of Hanford. He contends that our area was purposefully kept small and the other counties were given a lot of money for expansion in order to minimize the government's liability to "downwinders" in case of a nuclear accident. His plan is to approach the different government entities either by grants that address this sort of economic growth, or to persuade them that they owe it to the counties, and to recoup some of the money we were denied in order to build a bridge and bring in a gas line. He plans on getting support from Port of Othello, as well as other effected ports and cities. He specifically asked the Port of Othello for money to fund his efforts to inform and garner support from these other entities. K. Schutte asked him to present his request in writing.

Regarding the Spill Containment Plan, Brett Smith came out and did an inspection. D. Palmer reports that Wayne Gardner will pay half of the cost of the services Mr. Smith is providing in order to complete a plan.

At the Bruce Water System, there was an electrical problem. At Well 3, the main panel went out. Everything seems to be functioning properly. We just don't get a visual reading of the statistics. Tim Mainwearing, who installed the system originally, works for Irrigation Specialists. He looked at it and estimates it to be \$600 to rebuild it, or \$1,000 to replace it.

We have asked two companies to bid the meter replacement at the Bruce Water System. Joe's Excavating, and Dign 4-U. Joe will charge \$50.00/hour. He suggests that we completely replace the Huttarian meter

that is currently under a building and bring it out to the side of the building. As D. Palmer has not heard back from Dign 4U, T. Thompson gives D. Palmer the authority to go with Joe's Excavating to begin the replacement.

D. Palmer announced that we were awarded the grant for the feasibility study at the Bruce Industrial Site. Bids have gone out to three engineers; Meiers, JUB and Harms. We are required to have a decision by April 29th.

D. Palmer informed the Commissioners that the office sign will be done in two weeks.


Discussion began about what to prepare for next meeting in order to address the Mark Conner issue. D. Palmer suggested we get the contract out and look at it. K. Schutte suggested we at least write him a letter so as to preempt chaos in the event that he sells his business and residence.

There being no further business, it was moved by T. Thompson and seconded by K. Schutte that the meeting be adjourned.

PORT COMMISSIONERS




Gary Weaver



Kenny Schutte



Terry Thompson



Attest: Kim Coreson, Clerk