

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

September 10, 2019 – 9:00 am

Those present were:

Commissioner Gary Weaver

Commissioner Deena Vietzke

Commissioner Kenny Schutte

Executive Director Chris Faix

Executive Assistant Carmon Derting

Guests: Chris Mansfield, T.O. Engineers
Stephen McFadden, Adams County

Called to order at 9:02am

K. Schutte made a motion to approve the Agenda, D. Vietzke second the motion and it was passed.

D. Vietzke made a motion to approve the Minutes for the 8/27/2019 meeting, K. Schutte second the motion and it was passed.

K. Schutte made a motion to approve Vouchers, D. Vietzke second the motion and it was passed.

G. Weaver asked if it was the last application for weeds from K and L, C. Faix confirmed it was.

C. Mansfield was introduced by C. Faix and a booklet of service was handed out. T.O. does consulting on engineering on an on-call basis. He did mention the need for a raised tank for pressure.

S. McFadden explained what can be done with consultants and that T.O. can not be asked to consult as they plan on bidding on the project in the future. He handed out a packet for the Waste Water Plant. He gave the commissioners copies of letters that have been sent to legislators and also hand delivered to the EPA. There will be a \$20 million-dollar grant that will be getting applied for by the beginning of next year. There was a technical memo from HDR that was handed out that summarized the special August meeting. He said the County Commissioners are leaning towards the Design, Build, Operate model. The County Commissioners would like a meeting in October. K. Schutte suggested a meeting with Todd Obrien and S. McFadden reminded the commissioners that it is \$190 an hour for Todd's services. He also said that he is hoping to only bond \$5 Million. S. McFadden and C. Faix will work together to get a study session with Todd and the Port, hopefully before the October 9th County Commissioners Meeting. He is working on the funding options that are due to the first part of 2020. \$100 Thousand will be set aside for the County to start recruitment with food processing plants. WIFIA gives you 18 months. He mentioned that the County is operating ahead of the projected budget at this point.

Commissioners will put together a list of questions to ask during the next meeting.

The Professional Service Rosters received from TDH, TO, and Great Northwest were reviewed for the Bruce Industrial Park Project. It was explained that if someone other than TDH was chosen, the commissioners could not decide to go back and use TDH. K. Schutte asked if there was a timeline to make the choice and it was stated that the faster the choice was made, the better opportunities there were for funding options. K. Schutte made a motion to commit to TDH for the Preliminary Engineering Report, D. Vietzke 2nd the motion and the motion passed. C. Faix will contact them.

C. Faix informed the commissioners about the hydrant that needed replaced and reviewed the letter that was sent to the water users last year. There was a question on changing the wording from damage to any repairs needed. The commissioners agreed to leave it at damage and the Port will pay to replace the hydrant.

C. Faix informed the commissioners that the Vacate of Drains at the Highway 26 property was not completed as the quick claim was not done. D. Palmer and C. Faix went to the Bureau of Reclamation in Ephrata and talked to Kylee and the Bureau agreed to the burial with the Port supplying the pipe and the engineering and burial done by the District. The Irrigation District needs to review and sign off. K. Schutte suggested to try to start the burial of the pipe on the other side of the road due to future construction. C. Faix suggested doing the project as soon as possible as the cost will only be going up. Commissioners said to get it done.

The quotes for the Ditch Removal from Dign-4U and Joe's Excavation were reviewed. The commissioners agreed to have Dign-4U do the work. C. Faix will give them a call.

Charles has done a nice job with the repairs to the rental unit, except for the door. G. Weaver mentioned that the repairs needed to be done correctly and not temporary fixes. C. Faix will double check that the repairs have been made.

Oscar will be out by October 31, 2019. The commissioners might be contacted by a gentleman named Roger. Oscar has refused to sign the letter presented to him about vacating the unit, but did say he would leave and will not be paying any further rent. C. Faix will make note of all contact about the subject on the letter that was written.

Azriel As It Gets will be occupying Unit B starting October 1st. The lock on the unit has been changed.

D. Vietzke brought up the idea of a community kitchen. After some discussion, S. McFadden stated that the City was already doing a Feasibility Study and the negotiation with Avista to do one. The commissioners agreed to table the community kitchen. K. Schutte suggested contacting rental companies.

The Small Ports Seminar is October 24-25. All commissioners would like to attend. C. Derting will provide them with an agenda when available.

D. Vietzke requested to attend the New Commissioners meeting on November 22nd.

G. Weaver asked about the painting for the water tower. C. Faix stated that he has been trying to get companies to send in a quote. It was suggested to call Sessler Painting in Puyallup

K. Schutte motion to adjourn with D. Vietzke 2nd. Meeting was adjourned at 10:52am.

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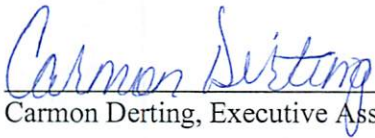
Gary Weaver, Chairman

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Carmon Derting, Executive Assistant