



## COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

February 24, 2020 – 9:00 am

Those present were:

Commissioner Gary Weaver	Executive Director Chris Faix
Commissioner Deena Vietzke (By Phone)	Executive Assistant Carmon Derting
Commissioner Kenny Schutte	Consultant Doyle Palmer (Excused)

Guests: Todd Jensen – HDR  
Stephen McFadden – Adams County Economic Development  
Michelle Bly – TD&H  
Marty Gergen – TD&H

Called to order at 9.10am

G. Weaver made a motion to approve the Agenda, K. Schutte second the motion and it was passed.  
G. Weaver made a motion to approve the Minutes for the 2/7/2020, 2/10/2020 meetings, K. Schutte second the motion and it was passed.  
G. Weaver made a motion to approve Vouchers, K. Schutte second the motion and it was passed.

T. Jensen reviewed the Site Plan by going over each page in the packet that was handed out. S. McFadden suggested keeping Booker road property for businesses and job creation. There will be a meeting with the County Commissioners on Wednesday presenting the Site Plan packet. There was a marketing letter sent out and there will be interviews on Thursday and Friday of businesses that may be interested in being part of the Water Treatment Plant. Adams County is working on federal and state funding. WIFIA would be a maximum 49% loan with other financing needing to be pursued. S. McFadden explained why the cost keeps going up. The water storage project is a priority.

M. Bly updated the commissioners on where the project is at. She explained that if the Port did 2 tanks, then financing could be 50% loan and 50% grant. If it is only 1 tank, it would be 100% loan. TD&H is currently waiting to hear back from Rural Development either Monday or Tuesday. The higher cost of the project is mainly due to the replacement of 6 miles of piping to resize to a larger one. Funding sources prefer that all the land is owned by the Port. PER has been updated to reflect the higher cost. East Columbia Canal is no longer an issue due to the easement. They will also try to do pipe bursting on the pipes under the railroad rather than replacement. K. Schutte requested TD&H to come to the March 10<sup>th</sup> Commissioner's Meeting.

There are companies interested in bidding on the Hangar 4 project. C. Faix was asked to waive the fee for the bid packets.

There is interest by an individual to put earnest money down on some of the Andrews property, but they would need an actual price per acre to proceed. The discussion has been tabled until the March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The commissioners requested that the original quote for the water storage project be found and brought to the meeting on March 10<sup>th</sup> as well as questions on funding.

C. Faix met with S. Obrien from the City of Othello about the water and sewer lines. There was clarification made that the lines are not normally paid for by the city unless ran past city owned property. The Port would be considered 50% of the LID and there would only be one charge. There has been someone that has approached the Port with knowledge of a person who can write grants for the water/sewer lines. C. Faix will contact him. There is also a company that can do the excavation and placing of the pipes, but they are not able to carry the bond for the project.

There has been no update on when Oscar is moving out. The pigeon netting is complete and seems to be working.

The circles are up on the fields near the Airport.

The Food and Beverage Show was slower than the one previously held in Portland and seemed to be more equipment suppliers.

There is a reception at the WSU Bee Complex on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Reservation are requested for attendees. WSU is not interested in selling the unused land but will contact C. Faix if it becomes available.

There is a new bakery going into the old muffler building. It is currently operating out of the Pizza Place.

G. Weaver motioned to adjourn with K. Schutte 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meeting was adjourned at 11:07am.



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Deena Vietzke, Chairwoman

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Kenny Schutte



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Gary Weaver



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Carmon Derting, Executive Assistant