

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

October 6, 2020 – 9:00 am

Those present were:

Commissioner Gary Weaver

Commissioner Deena Vietzke

Commissioner Kenny Schutte

Executive Director Chris Faix

Executive Assistant Carmon Derting

Guests: Stephen McFadden

Called to order at 9:00 am

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

K. Schutte made a motion to approve the 9/22/2020 Minutes, G. Weaver second the motion, it was passed.

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

Stephen McFadden spoke about the site visit for Project Ruby. The project would have 150 trucks moving 365 days a year. The project would require waste water treatment, rail spur and a high volume of natural gas. It would make up 40% of the capacity for our proposed waste water treatment plant. All requested information has been sent to them and a short list will be made by December 31st.

Stephone McFadden also spoke about the Broadband situation. There are grants available through Better Health Tomorrow and Adams County will be receiving 2 of those grants which will help cover most of the matching funds for the feasibility study. Public Works Board would have grants available as well. A Broadband Action Team will be put together by November. The team will need to be diverse and contain 1 person from each of the major entities involved. The BA Team will be the decision-making entity for the project. A lead agency will be needed. Stephen suggested the Port of Othello and ACDC be co-leaders. Deborah Hansen from Stevens County would be a good contact for structuring the team.

Stephen McFadden also announced his resignation as of October 30, 2020 to the Commissioners.

Stephen McFadden left the meeting at 9:40am.

G. Weaver requested the Broadband Project be added as a discussion point to future meetings.

The Commissioner discussed that the Port of Othello would need to be the lead for the Broadband Project with the assistance of ACDC.

The contractor will begin tearing out the asphalt where the new hangar will be next week. It has been confirmed that we can temporarily cover the yellow lines on the taxi lane. It was suggested to also put up a barrier so that planes do not accidentally go that way. C. Faix has received written confirmation that the Port would be reimbursed the money for the taxi lane project that they will be paying for in the Spring of 2021 prior to the CIP money being allotted on July 1st, 2021. The concrete should also be going in next week. C. Faix has asked for written proof from the contractor on the requirement for 5 inches of concrete vs the 4 inches requested in the bid. There is also a grade change caused with moving the hangar that will require moving dirt from one area to another to bring to level.

C. Faix let the Commissioners know that K&L would like to sterilize the ground at the airport again and he explained what that would do with the budget. The Commissioners agree to have it done. The west end of the runway needs more weed control.

K. Schutte stated that if the Port is willing to pay for the grass seed, he would plant it to help control the weeds and dust in the rill fields not being farmed at the airport.

There has been a request from the Police Department to use the taxi lane for Pit Training. The Commissioners denied the request.

The valve located at Lee and Booker does not work and needs to be replaced. There has been a verbal estimate of \$7,000 to replace it using an 8-inch valve with a 5-foot concrete pad. The Commissioners have requested a written estimate to review at the October 22nd meeting.

JUB is working with Andy and Mr. Leboken on the fire flow issues in Bruce. It will be required that any new construction will have to install a sprinkler system. If there is a significantly sized business that comes in, additional storage will need to be done.

The engineering is complete for the burial of the drain at Reynolds and 26. Freeman's overflow would need to be moved at the Port's expense. The pipe can be buried from below the overflow if not moved. The Commissioners will go look at the location before making the decision to move forward or not.

There has been a request for possible purchase of a small portion of the land at Reynolds and 26. The decision was made not to sell it before a proper road is in place.

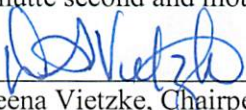
It was decided to rent the roller for a total of 1 day. The gravel needs to be ordered and put down first.

C. Faix will contact the webmaster to have a simple counter put on the website.


The preliminary 2021 budget will be presented at the October 20th meeting. The November 10th meeting would be the public input meeting.

It would be nice if the ACDC meeting would remain a ZOOM capable meeting.

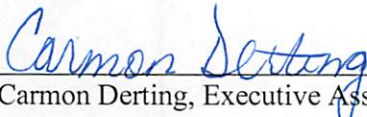
G. Weaver motioned to adjourn meeting at 10:40, K. Schutte second and motion passed.



Deena Vietzke, Chairperson

Kenny Schutte


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Carmon Derting, Executive Assistant



Gary Weaver