

## **COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES**

September 22, 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: Dan Blankenship

Called to order at 9:04 am

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 9/8/2020 Minutes, K. Schutte second the motion, it was passed.
- G. Weaver made a motion to approve Vouchers, K. Schutte second the motion and it was passed.

The feasibility study for the broadband project was discussed. It was noticed that there has been a report made to IFiber that Adams County is moving forward with a broadband project. C. Faix will contact S. McFadden to discuss the previous understanding that the Port and Adams County are working together. If that is not the case, K. Schutte reiterated the motion of moving forwarded with the CERB grant.

The bottleneck with natural gas at Providence and Lucy has been alleviated and more natural gas should be available in Bruce. C. Faix will contact S. Grant to get written confirmation.

The demolition has begun at the Mitzel site and concrete should be poured in about 3 weeks. JUB was unable to confirm the requirement of 5 inches of concrete vs the 4 inches that was part of the bid. C. Faix will contact the contractor again to attempt to get written confirmation of the requirement. The lines also need to be removed from a portion of the taxi lane. It has been suggested that they need to be burned off. Further research will need to be done to determine the best way. The Commissioners confirmed moving forward with having each of the 10 bays metered separately, the storage rooms on each end of the hangar will not be metered. It was decided to only put in a light bar and no electrical outlet in the 2-storage room. A letter will be written and sent to each of the present tenants of the other hangars offering them first right to the new units.

There will only need to be one truck load of gravel, at a cost of no more than \$500, placed along the side of the taxiway. The vibrating roller will only need to be rented for one day.

The Commissioners would like it to be in writing that if we pay for the new taxi lane, 90% will be reimbursed with the CIP money. There is a chance that we will be responsible for all of the remaining 10%, as the 5% from WA State DOT may not be available. There is also a chance that, due to Covid legislation, the Port will not have to pay any part of the remaining amount. G. Weaver suggested we move forward with the taxi lane project with something in writing guaranteeing the reimbursement for the 90%.

C. Faix will be meeting with prospective business that might anchor the wastewater project. C. Faix will find out how much of the grant money is left.

The Commissioners were updated on not being able to add a counter to the website. The webmaster will be



contacted again and the request to add one will be further pursued.

Umpqua Bank is being sold to STCU.

G. Weaver motioned to adjourn meeting at 10:14, K. Schutte second and motion passed.

Deena Vietzke, Chairperson

Kenny Schatte

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