

## COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

March 30, 2021 – 9:00 am

Those present were:

Commissioner Gary Weaver

Commissioner Deena Vietzke

Commissioner Kenny Schutte

Executive Director Chris Faix

Executive Assistant Carmon Derting

Guests:

Jay Weise, County Commissioner

Called to order at 9:00 am

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

G. Weaver made a motion to approve the Minutes for the 2/23/2021 meeting, D. Vietzke second the motion and it was passed.

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

It was requested to have the antenna wire on the light pole at the airport cleaned up.

County Commissioner Weise spoke with the Port Commissioners. The time has come to extend the contract for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. If it is decided to discontinue the project, there will be an allocation for the remaining expenses and the rest of the grant will be returned to the general fund. The County has begun negotiation with ACDC to provide Economic Development Services.

G. Weaver made a motion to officially terminate the Waste Water Treatment Project, D. Vietzke second, motion passed.

A representative from HDR spoke with Chris in regards to a service audit.

C. Faix spoke with Russ Elliot and has begun taking a survey of the businesses in Bruce to find out their service providers and if they would use broadband if it were available. It was discovered that one has high speed internet through Airlink. The Port has learned Northland Cable has lit up fiber along Lee Road and would like to continue into Bruce. It was also discovered that there is a Rural Digital Opportunity Fund. Two companies have been awarded the Federal Funds that is good for 5 years which will make it very difficult for another company to receive Federal awards for broadband until that time is up. There is a concern about the future price point. It was suggested that either the Port needs to become an ISP or find a company willing to be an ISP provider. C. Faix will have Learn Design come in for a meeting.

Hangar 4 will be here on April 14<sup>th</sup> per Erect A Tube. There still has been no written quotes for the change orders submitted. Prior to any further checks being written to the contractor all of the necessary paperwork needs to be completed, including the change orders and the intent paperwork. He then should come to a commissioner meeting to request the money. We have been notified that if the work is not completed by June 30<sup>th</sup>, the money would have to be reallocated.

The bid opening for the East End Taxi lane Project will be March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 at the Port of Othello office. JUB will be in attendance as well as D. Vietzke and G. Weaver. There was a meeting and tour done on March 18<sup>th</sup> for the prospective bidders. The contract completion time would be 20 working days. There would be no issue with doing the two projects side by side. C. Faix will check with JUB on the location of the entrance near the new hangar.

The new gas pump should be installed during the first part of April.

C. Faix explored the option of doing a natural gas-powered generator for Well 3. It would increase the cost of the project by \$40,000 to \$50,000. It was decided that a propane generator would be better.

JUB is looking into funding options for the Water Storage Project. Economic Development has up to \$50,000 of grant/loan money available for Public Works Projects as part of the .09 money. WPPA has stated that there is Federal money coming available, mostly through CARES grant for shovel ready projects.

There may be a potential offer coming in on the Reynolds and 26 property. There may be water to the back corner of the property. Water may have been ran under the canal and to the east. Sewer way stopped at the canal.

The Bureau of Reclamation is requesting a map with the legal description and depiction of each of the drains and that needs to be done by a surveyor. C. Faix will contact Worley. C. Faix will also check with the ECID again as a Commissioner mentioned having seen maps that should be what they are looking for.

The last meeting in April has been moved to April 26<sup>th</sup>.

There was a request made for use of parking spots owned by the Port. A letter was presented and signed by the Commissioners granting the permission.

The Chamber of Commerce will begin renting Units C and F downstairs on May 1<sup>st</sup> for a total of \$400.00.

G. Weaver motioned to adjourn, D. Vietzke second, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:50am.

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Kenny Schutte, Chairperson

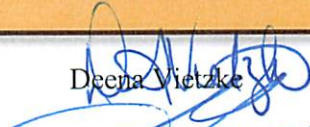
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Carmon Derting, Executive Assistant



Deena Vietzke



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Gary Weaver