

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

July 27th, 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, Adams County Commissioner

Caralyn Bess, Publisher Columbia Basin Herald

Called to order at 9:00 am.

G. Weaver made a motion to approve the Agenda, D. Vietzke second the motion.

D. Vietzke made a motion to approve the Minutes from 7/8/21, G. Weaver second the motion and it was passed.

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

J. Weise gave an update from the Adams County Commissioners. There has been a new County Clerk and a new Superior Court Judge appointed by the Commissioners. There is an interview for the Emergency Management position tomorrow. J. Roundtree has resigned from ACDC. The Boyd Report has been completed with an emphasis put on Ritzville. The Commissioners are reviewing some new ordinances and uses for Federal money.

Hangar 4 Project.

The deadline for the project was July 24th, the \$200 per day fine to the contractor was started on July 25th, 2021. The roof is on and all the doors except the roll up doors for the storage units are hung. The walls are going up inside and the fuel containment is going in. The power pole is being replaced. This was originally discussed last fall and Big Bend was just waiting on approval from JUB and FAA. The contractor did not contact Big Bend until Wednesday or Thursday of last week. It is unknown when the pole will be replaced but Big Bend will stay in contact with the contractor. Due to the lack of electricity to complete the Bifold doors, C. Faix discussed renting a generator with the contractor. It was learned that the lights in the Hangar are on motion sensors so there will be no light switches. It was decided that there will be an 8-foot apron on the North side and South side of the Hangar and the remaining area will be asphalted. The vehicle entrance on the east end will need to be removed and JR Massey may be able to do that.

Taxi Lane Project

The contractor will be capping off the old water line and was informed they may find old electrical wiring when digging for the Taxi Lane. C. Faix met with the owner of the construction company and showed them where they can access water and where any unneeded dirt can be moved to. JUB has begun

addressing issues such as no lights or flags on equipment and lack of signage and safety fencing at the job site. The contractor is still mobilizing. C. Faix has asked them for a rough estimate on the asphalt with the knowledge that it cannot be done unless the hangar is completed. C. Faix also gave the contractor access to the well room and electrical room in case of an issue.

G. Weaver took this time to make a public statement about Hangar 4 and the unfairness in the bidding process to the other bidders and how he has requested that the other Commissioners consider making the contractor replace the doors. Both D. Vietzke and K. Schutte each gave a statement in response. It was concluded that since the doors were engineered specifically for the building and they are equivalent to the doors that were requested in the Scope of Work that the project is to remain moving forward.

Fuel System

Since the installation of the new gas pump and the increased heat, the fuse at the pole was popping. Farmers Electric replaced the fuse and C. Faix painted the box white. It has been brought to the attention of C. Faix that there is a fuel shortage or delivery issue and it is taking much longer to get fuel. The Port currently has an order of 8000 waiting for a delivery date. It was learned some airports are even limiting the number of gallons that can be purchased at a time. It was suggested to check with Christensen Fuel. We have been notified of another \$32,000 grant that the Port will be receiving in addition to the \$13,000 one recently awarded.

Bruce Water

The tests are still being taken on Well 2 to change it from emergency status. JUB is continuing to work on the water storage and looking for funding for the project. There was a sanitation inspection done by the Department of Health. There were no findings but there were suggestions of items to change. In Well 1, the pipe needed to be capped. In Well 2, the overflow needed a screen put on it, a water faucet needed to be added to the raw water pipe and an area needed sealed against air. In Well 3, the overflow needed a screen put on it and an area needed sealed against air. All items are completed except the water faucet and Lad has been contacted to do that. The chlorine numbers were dropping low and C. Faix contacted the chlorinator company and learned how to fix the problem and the numbers are back to normal. The letter for the rate increase was presented.

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The paperwork for the drain abatement is on the desk of the East Columbia District. There was a question about the EL 68 pipe and if the Commissioners still wanted it to be encapsulated, which also means it can not be built on, and it was agreed to move forward with that plan of action. A local business has come to the Port asking to have a building built that they could then rent from the Port. It was determined to have the business locate a site and estimate on a building and bring it to a Commissioner Meeting and make a proposal. It was also suggested to have the business contact ACDC. C. Faix gave a tour of the property to a person on behalf of an investor and may be contacted for another site visit to be done with that investor. Mayor Logan has present C. Faix with a potential idea involving a partnership between the City of Othello and the Port. The City will bring sewer and water through the property and all the Port would be responsible for is paying for 2/3 of the water line. It was requested that the Mayor bring in an official proposal. It was suggested to ask how the system will be looped.

Guests were excused and an Executive Session began at 10:41am for 10 minutes to discuss Personnel Issues. The session ended at 10:51am. There was no motion made.

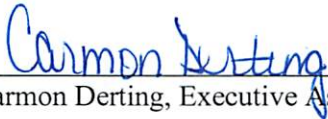
With no further business coming before the Port of Othello Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 10:52am.

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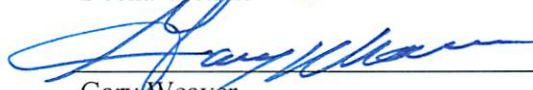
Kenny Schutte, Chairperson

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Carmon Derting, Executive Assistant

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