



## COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

December, 14<sup>th</sup>, 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:

Dan Blankenship, Adams County Commissioner  
Eugene Unruh – Gloss Works Auto Spa  
Doug Barger

Called to order at 9:00 am.

D. Vietzke made a motion to approve the Agenda, G. Weaver second, motion passed  
D. Vietzke made a motion to approve minutes from November 23rd, G. Weaver second, motion passed  
D. Vietzke made a motion to approve vouchers, G. Weaver second, motion passed.

D. Blankenship updated the Commissioners on the Broadband project. A budget has been finalized. Three entities applied for the same broadband Public Works grant. Washtucna was awarded the grant. Ritzville and Adams County were rejected due to an objection. Adams County will be applying for a different grant that will have more stipulations and be a little more complicated to utilize. D. Blankenship will be attending the ACDC meeting. The County Commissioner will now be meeting on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and have invited the Port to attend the Tuesday meetings via zoom.

E. Unruh introduced himself. He would like to lease a unit in the incubator building. He showed the products he will be using. He will be offering a higher-grade auto detailing service. He currently has a full-time job, but will be working on transitioning to the business full time. He has a current business license and insurance. He has been operating since 2018.

### Hangar 4 Update

There are still 3 hangars available for lease. M. Conner is asking about \$443,000 to purchase his hanger building. He has received one offer and the person wanted a signed agreement for the lease of the land for a certain number of years. He was reminded that there are stipulations on people living in the house and that the Port has to approve the occupants. There was discussion of the possibility of purchasing it and turning the hanger into an open space for multiple planes, but there could be liability issues. It would be ideal if a mechanic would buy the building. There is someone that may want to lease the land behind Flight Level Zero.

The idea of creating an FBO or Pilots Lounge in the first building, using one of the hangars near the fuel pump was discussed. C. Faix will research how we might be able to advertise for a mechanic.

### Bruce Water

C. Faix contacted Thad at Lad Irrigation about the installing the Field Commander unit. They went out to Well 3 where it was discovered that the processor was not working correctly for the installation and that installing the Field Commander unit was going to be more difficult due to the Chlorinator. Controlfreaks came and repaired

the processor at Well 3. Once the installation is done of the Field Commander, C. Faix should be able to see and operate the wells on his phone. Lad will go back out to install the unit. It is estimated to be around \$5000.

#### Property Development

There has been a drain study done, C. Faix is trying to find a copy. JUB and Meier Engineering will be contacted as they may have a copy. There was a request made to D. Blankenship to see if the County could help facilitate the drain project. The Quit Claim does include a clause about installing an interceptor drain. JUB suggested just moving forward with the installation of the inceptor drain without doing an additional study. C. Faix is expecting an offer to come in on the land. Grant possibilities will be looking into for the addition of water and sewer.

C. Faix distributed a copy of the 1-page magazine ad that will be run through the Columbia Basin Herald.

#### Incubator

All rent was paid on time and without reminders.

#### Planning Meeting

C. Faix and D. Vietzke attending the City Planning Meeting. The City is helping Park and Rec. The Housing Authority is building new homes. The Port land was brought up during the meeting. The drawback to the land is that it is not shovel ready. There is a possibility that housing, a park, and possibly an amphitheater will be added across from Walmart. There were different ideas and options discussed during the meeting. There are plans in place to improve Lions Park.

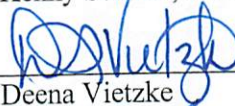
#### Elections

D. Vietzke was sworn in for another 6 years.

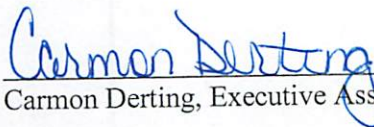
With no further business coming before the Port of Othello Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.



Kenny Schutte, Chairperson



Deena Vietzke



Carmon Derting, Executive Assistant



Gary Weaver