

## COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – 9:00 am

Those present were:

Commissioner Gary Weaver  
Commissioner Deena Vietzke  
Commissioner Kenny Schutte

Executive Director Chris Faix  
Executive Assistant Carmon Derting

Guests:

Called to order at 9:08 am.

D. Vietzke made a motion to turn over Chairmanship to Gary Weaver for 2022, K. Schutte second and motion passed.

D. Vietzke made a motion to approve the Agenda, K. Schutte second with the addition of an update on the incubator be added, motion passed

K. Schutte made a motion to approve minutes from December 14th, D. Vietzke second, motion passed

D. Vietzke made a motion to approve vouchers, K. Schutte second, motion passed. There was a question about the Evergreen Rural Water invoice that was answered.

C. Faix let the Commissioner know that he will be attending the water certification course in Yakima during the month of February.

Airport

The final paperwork of the Notice of Completion and Notice of Acceptance for the East End Taxi Lane Project have been received and signed. A copy will be sent to the three agencies today.

K. Schutte made a motion to sign the Notice of Acceptance for the East End Taxi Lane that was done in 2021, D. Vietzke second and motion passed.

The runways have been plowed three times.

C. Faix was contacted by someone from Gulf Stream in Savannah, GA for possible permission to do a noise study on a new plane at the airport. The study would be for 3-5 days between June and August for 2 to 3 hours a day. They would also contact a local farmer to see about the possibility to have noise survey equipment in their field. The test will be conducted at 200 feet. They do not intend to land the plane at the airport, but the plane would be able to land in about 2500 feet. There could be damage to the runway if they have to land. They would also meet with the spray pilots beforehand. C. Faix will stay in contact with them.

B. Boersma is thinking about constructing a hangar on the west side of Flite Level Zero in 2023. He would need to be reminded that if he hooks up to water, there will be a cost. He would also need to be told about the possibility of the need for water storage. A contract could be made with the contingency on SEPA.

The final bill for Straight A was presented. The Port has not received the check for the liquidated damages. The contractor may be coming to a meeting to discuss the damages. The Port has not received the final paperwork to be able to create the final check. The contractor has been told to get us the paperwork.

#### Bruce Water

C. Faix is still trying to get Lad to do the field commander project in Bruce, as well as the work needed in Well 2. K. Schutte will provide C. Faix will another person to contact at Lad.

The wells are still needing to be ran manually. There was an issuing causing the water to be over chlorinated. DOH was contacted and all that should need to be done is to add fresh, unchlorinated water. This has been done.

The water level in the tower went down by 19 feet in 3 days. A broken sprinkler pipe was found in the Western Cold Storage building. The water has been turned off until the problem is fixed.

#### Property Development

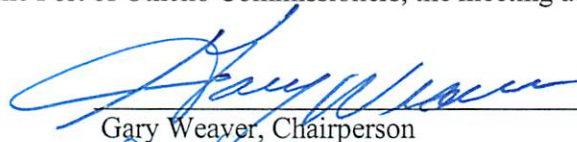
C. Faix has not been able to find the drain study that has been done. ECIB said they must have received a copy, but they are also unable to locate one. JUB suggested just moving forward with the interceptor drain without the study as the need has already been documented. There are maps showing the location needed for the drains. Some test holes may need to be drilled. There was suggestion to think about what position the Commissioners really want to take on the property; just sell as it is or become developers and move forward with the necessary improvements. There will be a discussion at the next meeting to include all of the pros and cons of the options. It would also be a good time to start looking at possible land to purchase.

#### Incubator

A renter has been lined up for the unit that is being occupied by Platte River when they leave. Platte River is renting month to month at this time.

Due to the water conference, the meeting scheduled for Feb 8th will be moved to Feb 7th.

With no further business coming before the Port of Othello Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 10:36 am.

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Gary Weaver, Chairperson

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Carmon Derting, Executive Assistant