

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

August 23th, 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: Kyle Niehenke

Called to order at 9:08 am.

D. Vietzke made a motion to approve the agenda, K. Schutte second, motion passed
D. Vietzke made a motion to approve minutes from August 9th, 2022 meetings, K. Schutte second, motion passed
D. Vietzke made a motion to approve vouchers after asking for the removal of the Utilities Services voucher for \$400717.97 until further clarification can be made, K. Schutte second, motion passed.

Guest:

K. Niehenke is working with CHS/Ardent and BNSF to open a line that has been shut down. There was discussion about the Boyd Report request. The current Boyd Report needs to be more utilized than it has been before an update needs to be done.

Airport:

Phone lines were not the problem. It was discovered that the card reader itself needed to be replaced. It is now working.

There is currently 33 inches of fuel. The new carbon tax was brought up that will add \$0.42 on Avgas. C. Faix will monitor fuel price closely and order more before the tax goes into effect.

J. Padilla completed the screw repairs on the hangars. There was also a broken cable in Bldg. 3, Hangar 10 that was repaired by Garage Doors and More. The cable may have broken due to the tenant trying to open the bifold door while it was still locked. There are still 4-5 hangars still available for lease.

A company has contacted C. Faix about doing a sound test for a plane at the airport. The test will take place on August 26 and September 2nd beginning about 9am in the morning. It should last about 1 hour each day. The test company was advised to check with Flight Level Zero and follow FAA rules.

Highway 26 Property

C. Faix met with developers and the Mayor of Othello. The developers are very interested in the property, but no offer has come in. They may be wanting to put in housing. There has also been another person that is beginning to show interest.

Bruce

Bruce Water System

The original contact for Suez (Utilities Services) has left and C. Faix is still waiting for a gentleman named Brian to contact him about the contract. When contact is made, a discussion will be had about when the services will be rendered and how/when the payment needs to be made.

Bruce Land

The updated lease is at the Attorney's office for review. The lease is currently for 59 acres, but there is potential request to do only 39 acres and have a first right option on an additional 20 acres. The Commissioners have agreed that they would

not want to do a first right option and that they would prefer the lease be for the 59 acres from the start. The rest of the term amounts are agreeable.

Other

Parking Lot

The parking lot contractor will begin the project on Monday, August 29th. Flyers have been made and will be placed on car windshields letting the drivers know about the project and the change of the Parking Rules for the Port of Othello.

Executive Session

Guests were excused and an Executive Session began at 9:50am for 10 minutes to discuss Personnel Issues. The session ended at 10:00am.


D. Vietzke made a motion to increase the wage for C. Derting from \$48,000 per year to \$55,000 per year. K. Schutte second and motion passed.

D. Vietzke made a motion to increase the wage for C. Faix from \$70,000 per year to \$80,000 per year. K. Schutte second and motion passed.

With no further business coming before the Port of Othello Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 10:19 am.



Gary Weaver, Chairperson



Deena Vietzke



Kenny Schutte



Carmon Derting, Executive Assistant