

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

October 11th, 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: Steve Sackmann, Attorney
Kyle Niehenke

Called to order at 9:00 am.

D. Vietzke made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of a discussion about the Freeman Farm Lease, G. Weaver second, motion passed

D. Vietzke made a motion to approve minutes from September 27th, 2022 meetings, G. Weaver second, motion passed

D. Vietzke made a motion to approve vouchers, D. Weaver second, motion passed.

S. Sackmann:

S. Sackmann presented the LOI Agreement for the Highway 26/Reynolds property. There was a concern raised about the Freeman Farm Lease in coordination with the 9-month discovery period. Although the lease is up at the end of October, the crop currently in the field is a 2-year crop and should be removed at the end of 2023 season. S. Sackmann created a draft purchase agreement for the Commissioners review. It was decided to keep the due diligence period to 9 months, delay termination of farm lease until the final purchase is complete, make the developer liable for the crop if purchase is completed prior to the 9-month date and the Port retains final approval on any early deed releases to the 7.3 acres with a \$105,000 price per acre price.

D. Vietzke made a motion to approve purchase and sale agreement of the Highway 26/Reynolds property with changes as discussed above, G. Weaver second, motion approved.

There was a reminder that the sale must be advertised for a public hearing of the sale.

C. Faix and C. Derting will be meeting with S. Sackmann at 1:30pm on 10/11/22 in regards to the Eric Hood Lawsuit and Port Attorneys will also be contacted during the meeting.

K. Niehenke

The glove manufacturer is still interested in the Bruce property.

Airport:

C. Faix brought up the requests from the community to be able to store items like motorhomes in the hangars. There was a discuss about the possibility of six-month leases or month to month with airplanes being priority, but no formal decision had been made.

Other

The parking lot issue concerning the holes looks to be resolved and the holes are filled.

The Commissioners reviewed the proposed budget and requested some changes that will be made. There will be a public hearing for the budget at the October 25th meeting

With no further business coming before the Port of Othello Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 10:21 am.

Via phone

Gary Weaver, Chairperson

Deena Vietzke

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Carmon Derting

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Via phone

Kenny Schutte