

## **COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES**

September 27th, 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 9:04 am.

- D. Vietzke made a motion to approve the agenda, G. Weaver second, motion passed
- D. Vietzke made a motion to approve minutes from September 13th, 2022 meetings, K. Schutte second, motion passed
- D. Vietzke made a motion to approve vouchers, K. Schutte second, motion passed.

# Airport:

There is a new tenant in the hangars. This tenant is also looking at creating an FBO, Flight School and/or mechanic area in the Hangar building that is privately owned and is currently for sale. The tenant has also requested to take over the fuel sales from the Port. The Commissioners are ok with the activities proposed, but the fuel sales need to remain with the Port.

There was just 6,000 gallons of Avgas delivered. When researching the local prices of fuel per gallon, we are at the low end of the sales at \$6.749. It was decided to leave the price where it is.

C. Faix talked with the concrete contractor about the cracks in the new apron concrete as well as the lip at the bifold doors. It was decided that if the lip becomes a problem, a plate can be installed. The contractor will go out and look at the cracks in the aprons.

# Highway 26 Property

There has been an offer made for 70.4 acres of Highway 26/Reynolds. The Commissioners have agreed to counter the offer given with \$35,000 an acre and a 9-month escrow period with a nonrefundable escrow payment of \$20,000.

## Bruce

#### **Bruce Water System**

Backflows have been completed and all passed.

In discussing the painting and water storage with Utility Services, it was decided to wait until the new tower is in service to paint the existing tower. The ROV inspection has been done. A separate contract has been requested for the dive cleaning that needs to be done.

The PLC for Well 2 is going off line again – LAD is working on how to install the Field Commander.

### **Bruce Land**

The attorney has reviewed the lease for 59 acres and made appropriate changes. There was an additional change to move the legal venue from King County to Franklin County. C. Faix will speak with the person holding the farm lease and let them know they will only be able to farm for 1 more year.



K. Schutte made a motion to approve the revised lease for 59 acres in the Bruce Industrial Area at \$400 per acre for up to 20 years. There will also be an incremental fact-finding time up to 2 years with a nonrefundable fee up to \$35,000. D. Vietzke second, motion passed.

### Other

C. Faix updated the Commissioners on the litigation in regards to the Public Information Act. Information is being prepared for a deposition on October 11<sup>th</sup>.

C. Faix presented the proposed budget information to the Commissioners to review for next meeting.

With no further business coming before the Port of Othello Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 10:04 am.

Gany Weaver, Chairperson

Deena Vietzke

Kenny Schutte