



## COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

April 25, 2023 – 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 9:00 am.

K. Schutte made a motion to approve the agenda, G. Weaver second, motion passed  
G. Weaver made a motion to approve minutes from March 28th, 2023 meeting, K. Schutte second, motion passed  
K. Schutte made a motion to approve vouchers with a clarification on the Sloan Leavitt Invoices, G. Weaver second, motion passed.

### **Kyle**

Waste Management broke ground last week. They are still looking at buying water from the Port. There was a discussion about the amount of water they will need.

### **Airport**

The Commissioners reviewed and made corrections to the addendum to the water contracts to be signed at the next meeting.

The Commissioners reviewed and signed Resolution No. 2023-4: A Resolution of the Port Board of Commission of Port of Othello setting water rates for the Othello Municipal Airport Area.

C. Faix was approached again about giving the resident pilots a break on the fuel. It was explained that we are the second lowest price in the area.

Still waiting to find out if the hangar is still being purchased. C. Faix is working with M. Conner on the updated Spray Site Lease.

### **Bruce**

The Commissioners reviewed and made corrections to the addendum to the water contracts to be signed at the next meeting.

The Commissioners reviewed and signed Resolution No. 2023-2: A Resolution of the Port Board of Commission of Port of Othello setting water rates for Bruce Industrial Area.

SEV has pulled their offer to lease the property.

C. Faix spoke with CERB and we can still move forward with the application and the Commissioners agreed to keep moving forward. Andy, from Progreso, and D. Vietzke will be attending the May meeting in Olympia. There will be some updates needed to the application.

Through discussion, it was determined the Port has used the one time no-vote levy option.

**Highway 26/Reynolds**

Meritage has done a title search. They have requested a 10-day extension and it was granted to April 30<sup>th</sup>. This does not change the 90-day period in the agreement. C. Faix has sent them the Knudsen study, as well as the 3-Phase document they have requested. It has also been decided to email all 4 stakeholders each time to ensure everyone gets the information. C. Faix has been invited to a meeting with the Mayor and Meritage on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:15am.

**Incubator**

There was a fire inspection done on the Incubator. Units 1 and 3 failed. There were extension cords running from the electrical box to various locations. They were instructed to remove the cords and, if necessary and at their expense, have an electrician come out and add a proper outlet where they need one in order to not use the extension cords. Unit 1 also requested repair to the toilet and was instructed to contact a plumber.

J. Padilla is still awaiting supplies for the damage repair.

**Other**

The Annual report has been completed.

Mr. Hood has refused the counter offer and has made an additional records request. The Port Attorney has responded to the additional request but has suggested we reply to Mr. Hood directly in the future on the new request. The Port Attorney will be giving us a quote for representation in case of a court hearing. The Commissioners have requested that a countersuit be filed for Harassment.

The May 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting will be moved to May 30<sup>th</sup>.

The Commissioners need to complete OPMA and PRA classes again.

With no further business coming before the Port of Othello Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 10:11 am with a motion made by G. Weaver and seconded by K. Schutte.

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Deena Vietzke, Chairperson

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Gary Weaver

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Carmon Derting", written over a horizontal line.

Carmon Derting, Executive Assistant

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Kenny Schutte