

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

March 14, 2023 – 9:00 am

Those present were:

Commissioner Gary Weaver

Commissioner Deena Vietzke (Via Phone)

Commissioner Kenny Schutte

Executive Director Chris Faix

Executive Assistant Carmon Derting

Guests: Kyle Niehenke, ACDC

Called to order at 9:00 am.

D. Vietzke made a motion to approve the agenda, G. Weaver second, motion passed

G. Weaver made a motion to approve minutes from February 28th, 2023 meetings with an additional water discussion added, D. Vietzke second, motion passed

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

Kyle Niehenke

He gave a report on his trip to D.C. Project Builder is interested in land in Bruce. They manufacture building materials and will have 40 employees and need about 30 acres. Kyle is working with Pat Boss on this project. Project Catch is still showing interest and Kyle will reach back out to him about CERB. There is a new Cascade Natural Gas representative for our area and is unable to give the information needed and so Kyle has been in contact with someone else who can get any needed information. Kyle is meeting with a Representative on Wednesday about Broadband. He will also be meeting with someone from Port of Whitman on Thursday. It was discovered that Port of Whitman is putting in a biodiesel plant and appears to be getting a lot of backlash from the community.

Airport

There is no update on the Conner Hangar purchase.

We do need a copy of insurance for both the Spray site and the Hangar site. There will be a review to ensure everyone has current insurance. Mr. Sloan is looking into Pollution insurance for the Airport.

The fuel system upgrade should be done by end of March.

There was a discussion about water charges at the Airport. There is a question about if all meters are being read and if they are being read correctly. C. Faix will investigate.

G. Weaver made a motion to put a meter on the head end of the well at the airport and begin charging a monthly line charge of \$50 for each connection with a discussion on the water usage rate at a later time, D. Vietzke second and motion passed.

Highway 26/Reynolds

Ann Henning is working with N. Amoruso on moving the lot lines for the purchase of a small piece of the property adjacent to her property.

There is a question from Meritage on the Purchase and Sale agreement being reviewed. They would like to be able to object on title and exemption issues. The Commissioners agreed that would be acceptable.

Bruce

Horst has signed the Farm Lease.

Other

There will be an opening in the incubator at the end of the month.

C. Faix is still working with Verizon on getting the new phone service working correctly.

All of the 4' lights in the Port office building have been changed to LED.

C. Faix asked the Commissioners to begin thinking about a new date for the second meeting in May.

A settlement offer was received from the WPPA Port attorney. The 2 options were discussed and a meeting will be set up with the Port Attorney to further discuss the options.

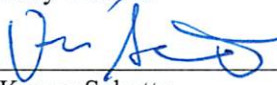
With no further business coming before the Port of Othello Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 10:32am with a motion made by G. Weaver and seconded by K. Schutte.



Deena Vietzke, Chairperson



Gary Weaver



Kenny Schutte



Carmon Derting, Executive Assistant