

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

June 27th, 2023 – 9:00 am

Those present were:

Commissioner Gary Weaver

Commissioner Deena Vietzke (Excused)

Commissioner Kenny Schutte

Executive Director Chris Faix

Executive Assistant Carmon Derting

GUESTS:

Lee Unterwegner, JUB

Ben Hoppe, JUB

Neil Fraser, JUB

John McArthur, WSDOT

Hannah Anderson, Linden Group

Owen Olsen, Commissioner Candidate

Jake, via Zoom from Lifeflight Network

Called to order at 9:00 am.

G. Weaver made a motion to approve the agenda, K. Schutte second, motion passed

G. Weaver made a motion to approve minutes from June 13th, 2023 meeting, K Schutte second, motion passed

G. Weaver made a motion to approve vouchers, K. Schutte second, motion passed.

ALP Update

JUB and WSDOT came to discuss the progress of the ALP project and to get feed back from the Commissioners. The presentation is attached to the minutes. Additional notes to the presentation are as follows:

Hannah did stakeholder interviews and found the main uses of the airport to be medical operations, spray pilots and flight trainings.

The wish list from the interviews is an FBO, instrument approach, grass airstrip, clearly marked entrance and exit for vehicles from Bench Road, display or local activities board, crosswind runway, weather station and water on site.

In looking at any projects, it is important to watch the Object Free Zone, airspace and general land use.

In new building proposals, it was the preference of the Commissioners to own the buildings.

Public comment is still open until July 7th so this subject will also be discussed at the July 6th meeting.

Airport

The new windsocks are up. It was brought up to start looking into what it would take to convert Bldg. 1, Hangar 1 into an FBO/Pilots Lounge.

Bruce

Waster Water Management has used over 1M gallons of water. All of the wells seem to be performing well under the added load. There has been more need to fill the rock salt for the chlorinator in Well 3.

CERB paperwork is moving forward.

Northwest Ag is looking to sell their property and rail spur in Bruce.

Highway 26/Reynolds

Meritage has mailed the second check. It was due Monday, but was mailed that day and we should receive it by the end of the week. They are also looking at the 220 acres behind the Port property in addition to the purchase with the Port. The Commissioner did reinforce that they do not want to formally extend any timelines. There is also another person interested in the property if the sale falls through.

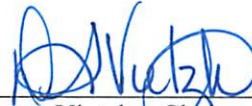
Incubator

The inside of Unit #3 is finished and The Grind Gym will be leasing the unit. The contractor is still waiting on the roofing supplies to complete the repairs. The insurance has extended the claim.

The hole in the parking lot at 705 Hemlock has been repaired again. It is believed the previous contractor did not pack the soil underneath the asphalt and that is why it collapsed.

Other

With no further business coming before the Port of Othello Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 9:52 am with a motion made by G. Weaver and seconded by K. Schutte.

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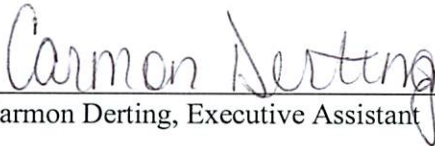
Deena Vietzke, Chairperson

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Carmon Derting, Executive Assistant