

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

August 8, 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: Steve Sackmann, Attorney
Gabe Davis, Columbia Basin Herald

Called to order at 9:08 am.

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

G. Weaver made a motion to approve minutes from previous meeting, K. Schutte second, motion passed

G. Weaver made a motion to approve vouchers with clarification made to Mascott and Diverse Design vouchers, K. Schutte second, motion passed.

Executive Session

Mr. Davis was excused and an Executive Session began at 9:16 for 15 minutes to discuss pending litigation with our attorney per RCW 42.30.110 subsection (1)(i) and all appropriate subsections in the RCW. The original session ended at 9:31, but a 5-minute extension was announced to the public and officially ended at 9:36am. It was decided by the Commissioners to give C. Faix the authority to present a counter offer to the Attorney at CSD which will be passed onto the complainant.

Airport

The FMLIVE is now live and CenturyLink has been cancelled.

There was almost 7000 gallons of fuel delivered on 8/7.

G. Weaver made a motion to raise the fuel price to \$6.899 per gallon. K. Schutte second, motion passed.

M. Connor brought in the sublease for the Commissioners to review. The word "Primary" will be removed from the phrase primary residence, making sure the building will not be lived in. The Port will also be named in Article 6 about prior authorization on any improvements. C. Faix will discuss the sublease further with M. Conner.

Bruce

G. Weaver made a motion to accept Resolution 2023-5 in regards to the repayment of the CERB Loan. K. Schutte second, motion passed.

The reimbursements of expenses for the Water Tower Project started on any expenses beginning on May 18th.

Highway 26/Reynolds

There was a discussion of other parties interested in purchasing the land if the current situation changes and where the market is at.

C. Faix had a meeting with D. Blankenship, ACDC and people from Avista. They toured different locations throughout Adams County and talked about the power needs.

Incubator

Other

D. Vietzke will not be available for the August 22nd meeting.

C. Faix presented the ACDC budget to the Commissioners.

C. Faix presented the July water sales to the Commissioners.

C. Faix will be having a meeting with A. Henning next week.

There is a dinner on August 11th at 5:30 to hear about Rural Development in Adams County.

The Small Ports Conference will be coming up soon and updates will be given to the Commissioners as they are received.

The quotes to repair the water damage to the Chamber Office were presented and discussed. The quotes were to replace the carpeting in the Chamber office and Common Area and replace the Chamber desk. It was suggested to look into vinyl flooring instead of carpeting. It was also decided not to replace the carpeting in the common area. The Chamber and Port will divide up the cost of the desk.

The current return of investment is on the County Investment Account is 5.199%.

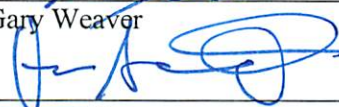
It was decided to discontinue the Port of Othello email addresses for the Commissioners.

With no further business coming before the Port of Othello Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 10:18 am with a motion made by G. Weaver and seconded by K. Schutte.


Deena Vietzke, Chairperson

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Carmon Derting, Executive Assistant