



COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES

April 9, 2024 – 9:30 am

Those present were:

Commissioner Gary Weaver
Commissioner Deena Vietzke
Commissioner Homer Montemayor

Executive Director Chris Faix
Executive Assistant Carmon Derting

Called to order at 9:30 am.

D. Vietzke made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of an Executive Session; H. Montemayor seconded, motion passed.

D. Vietzke made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting; H. Montemayor seconded; motion passed.

H. Montemayor made a motion to approve the vouchers with questions to the Cozzzy Up Too voucher and the US Bank Voucher; D. Vietzke seconded; motion passed.

AIRPORT

Bids were open. Three bids were received. The lowest bid was Road Projects, LLC at \$325,218. The project will begin later this summer.

The Commissioners signed Resolution 24-2 Matching Funds. This is to say that our matching funds are available.

The Commissioners signed a Support Letter for the Airport Maintenance Project.

BRUCE

C. Faix is meeting with JUB for an update on the project. Thirty percent of the design of the project is complete. It was learned we did not qualify for a 3-year deferment for CERB, this means our first payment will be due July 31, 2026.

The Commissioners signed the Cancellation Letter for USG for the water tower painting.

HIGHWAY 26/REYNOLDS

C. Faix and K. Niehenke met with WSDOT yesterday about the roundabout. They discovered that there is no roundabout planned for that location. Highway 17 and Cunningham will be completed this year. Highway 26 and 1st will be next.

Grants can be sought if a developer wants to put in a roundabout, it still needs to be built to WSDOT standards and could cost \$3-5 million dollars. The representative from WSDOT did offer a small list of grant possibilities. The City of Othello could take the lead on a grant that would involve the schools and the safety of the children. This was reported to the potential buyer of Highway 26 and Reynolds land.

The 90-day extension with Meritage was signed.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

OTHER

Executive Session for 15 minutes for Property Sale RCW 42.30.110(c) beginning at 10:13am to 10:28am. Commissioners came out and then extended the Executive Session for 15 minutes to 10:43 am.

After discussion in Executive Session, the Commissioners have decided to have K. Niehenke being the lead person in the discussion with Meritage for the Highway 26 and Reynolds property.



F. Martinez has proposed building a fountain with lights to go in the flower bed behind the building, facing 7th Avenue. He will be sending us an estimate.

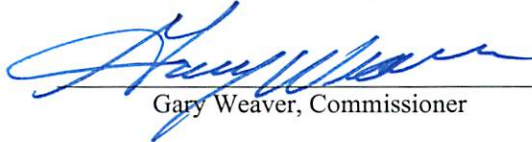
With no further business coming before the Port of Othello Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 10:48 am with a motion made by D. Vietzke and H. Montemayor second and motion passed.

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Deena Vietzke, Commissioner

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Homer Montemayor, Commissioner

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Carmon Derting, Executive Assistant