

COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES

June 11, 2024 – 9:30 am

Those present were:

Commissioner Gary Weaver
Commissioner Deena Vietzke
Commissioner Homer Montemayor

Executive Director Chris Faix
Executive Assistant Carmon Derting

Guests: Hugo, K&L Spray Service
Kyle Niehenke, ACDC
Richard Smith, Landaira West

Called to order at 9:26am.

D. Vietzke made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of a discussion of the Budget; H. Montemayor seconded, motion passed.

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

D. Vietzke made a motion to approve the vouchers; H. Montemayor seconded; motion passed.

RICHARD SMITH

G. Weaver introduced the gentleman and told a little about what he and his company have been doing. The company takes waste and creates Sengas power which is clean and cheaper than power generated from the hydro dams. The byproduct from the plant is then sold as clean compost with only up to 3% being left as ash that will be taken to the landfill. The gentleman gave more details on what the company does. They currently have plants in Montana, Arizona, California, and Tennessee. He would like to see the Port help bring this plant to Grant/Adams County and partner with Port of Moses Lake to help with funding. They would need 20-50 acres and access to the power grid. They need to be within ½-1 mile to a power substation to be able to sell the power that is created. They can take five hundred tons of garbage a day.

HUGO

He gave a history of his spray experience. He is here to talk about how resistant the Kochia weeds at the airport are. The CRP mix ryegrass on the south end of the airport is now being killed by the amount and types of chemicals being applied. The preemergent that was sprayed has a 12-month residual so the ryegrass cannot be reseeded until next year. It has been recommended that the Commissioners, K. Schutte and Hugo, go to the airport and look at the damage. K. Schutte was spoken to, and he said to kill the Kochia and then reseed, but do not disk the ground. He also suggested talking to a field man at Wilbur Ellis. It might be better to mow the ground to help keep the weeds down and the Commissioners want the soil tested this fall.

ACDC

Before K. Niehenke could give an update report, the previous invoice that had already been approved and paid was brought up. There was a heated discussion that resulted in K. Niehenke using foul language, G. Weaver threatening to call the Sheriff on K. Niehenke to have him removed, and D. Vietzke and K. Niehenke both removed themselves from the meeting and leaving the quorum of G. Weaver and H. Montemayor to finish the meeting and to amend the budget due to the payment of the invoice.

AIRPORT

The grant has been approved and we should have paperwork tomorrow. The company doing the work will not be doing it until after Labor Day.

The person interested in doing the FBO has officially backed out.

BRUCE

C. Faix gave an update on the water tower project. There is still discussion about how to control the birds on the tower.

HIGHWAY 26/REYNOLDS

C. Faix presented the price of the pipe to the Commissioners. Lad did suggest contacting ECID to make sure the supplies are correct.

The Port is willing to consider a 1-year extension with the possibility of partial releases, Phase 1 of the TIA and for our part and was requesting Meritage to purchase the piping required for the drain burial. Meritage is not willing to purchase the pipe that the Commissioners have requested for an extension to the purchasing contract. If he is not willing to present a viable offer, the current extension will expire on June 25, 2024. Meritage has requested a special meeting to talk about the extension. The Commissioners will not be calling a special meeting. C. Faix will reach out to the Commissioners if information comes on the extension comes in. There was a meeting with WSDOT, ACDC, City of Othello and it was said that before WSDOT can do anything officially, the developer needs to file the permit necessary.

C. Faix will be reaching out to other people who have shown interest in buying the land.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

OTHER

Our offer on the Hood Lawsuit was rejected to our attorney is taking the next step.

The Commissioners signed the Resolution 24-3 DRS Voluntary Social Security Coverage

D. Vietzke made a motion to have the Port take Social Security out of employees checks retroactive to February 2018, H. Montemayor second, motion passed unanimously.

The budget was brought up to look at adjustments that might need to be made. The decision was made to move \$5000 from Bruce engineering to membership under general.

G. Weaver made a motion to move \$5000 from the Engineer Services under Bruce to Membership Dues under General, H. Montemayor second, motion passed.

C. Faix let the Commissioners know that the Annual Report has been completed.

C. Faix let the Commissioners know about the Annual Commissioners meeting in Richland from July 22-25. H. Montemayor and G. Weaver have said they both want to go.

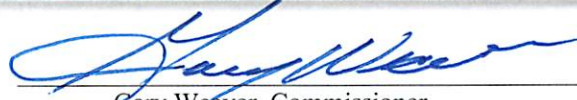
With no further business coming before the Port of Othello Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 12:02 am.

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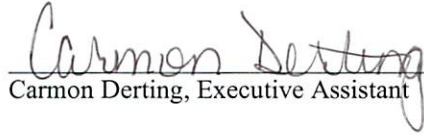
Deena Vietzke, Commissioner

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Homer Montemayor, Commissioner



Gary Weaver, Commissioner



Carmon Derting, Executive Assistant