



## COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES

March 19, 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; 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.

Port of Othello joined the Adams County Commissioner Meeting. G. Weaver gave an update on Port business. The round-a-bout at 26 and Reynolds was discussed. The County Commissioners have been speaking with legislators about this issue.

### Meritage Update

J. Barrett came in to discuss updates on the potential land purchase and some of the issues, including the roundabout. The Port is still waiting for a letter that C. Faix stated may be possible. K. Niehenke is also pursuing information for the roundabout. It might be possible to request a meeting with Representative Torres. It is unknown who the direct contact is at WSDOT. It was suggested to find a public use for the property like a REC center that will also open the development up for grant possibilities and be a good point to bring up WSDOT. A new design was presented. There was a suggestion of putting something together that involves a CPP/PPP and would need someone to administer the grant. The Port, ACDC and the County might be able to apply for a grant. CERB was suggested. He wants to attend Port meetings either monthly or every couple of months. Meritage needs an extension to the purchase contract. They are asking for parcel releases as the project progresses. A reminder of the interceptor drain that needs to be buried was brought up. C. Faix is going to contact JUB about a potential price to bury it. There was a suggestion of a 90 extension to the purchase contract.

D. Vietzke made a motion to approve a 90-day extension for Meritage to June 25, 2024; H. Montemayor seconded, motion passed.

### AIRPORT

G. Weaver is suggesting the line charges stay the same that was voted on earlier. The water fee will be \$50 a month line charge, 0.0091 per cubic foot and no annual charges. The late Comer fee is tabled until a further date.

### BRUCE

The new SEPA application showing the new location of the tower is done and will be turned into the County.

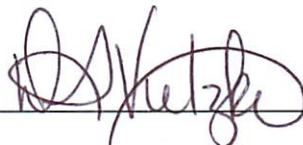
### HIGHWAY 26/REYNOLDS

### PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

**OTHER**

H. Montemayor, K. Niehenke and C. Faix attended the Ag Show in Las Vegas. Everyone was very interactive, and many conversations were had. Not too many people were there looking to buy land, but many people were there who were suppliers.

With no further business coming before the Port of Othello Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 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