

COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES

April 8, 2025 – 9:30 am

Those present were:

Commissioner Gary Weaver
Commissioner Deena Vietzke (via phone)
Commissioner Homer Montemayor

Executive Director Chris Faix
Executive Assistant Carmon Derting

Called to order at 9:30 am.

G. Weaver made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition to a discussion about the strip mall; H. Montemayor seconded; the motion passed.

G. Weaver made a motion to approve the minutes D. Vietzke seconded; the motion passed.

G. Weaver made a motion to approve the vouchers with questions and explanation of the COR4 and USBank invoices; H. Montemayor seconded; motion passed.

AIRPORT

C. Faix met with JUB about Airport Projects. JUB will be at the next meeting in April. The Commissioners will need to decide on the new tie downs and were shown the different options. The agreement is for Option 3 (with tie down and access tied together) and JUB will be asked to make sure to spend all the funds available and put in as much asphalt as possible. C. Faix also spoke about the State funding issues regarding the tie down project.

C. Faix spoke with M. Conner about his hangar building that is for sale. There was a problem mentioned that the current tenant is out of compliance as he is storing non-airport related items in the Hangar that was originally leased under the understanding that it is to be airport and spray site related equipment. The Commissioners have requested that M. Conner be told that due to the non-compliance, the sub leaser would not be permitted to keep using the hangar the way it is being used. It has been requested that M. Conner come to a Commissioners Meeting to discuss possibilities.

C. Faix is still working with Sackmann Law about the K&L Spraying issue. Wilbur Ellis said that Reclaim is about \$21 per acre and application is \$10-12 an acre. Discing and planting privately would be about \$30 an acre for each. It was recommended to replant no sooner than this fall. C. Faix will keep collaborating with the attorney.

BRUCE

The Water Tower Project is still moving forward. C. Faix presented the map that shows where JUB will be accessing and building and where the farmer can plant.

There has been a request by a company that would like to purchase 13 acres at the top of the property. The price to sell that land was discussed and chosen.

There were other companies that have contacted C. Faix about long-term leases on the land.

HIGHWAY 26/REYNOLDS

C. Faix is meeting with the Mayor and AJ Ochoa to discuss the roundabout. C. Faix has emailed CERB about funding. The Mayor has already spoken with them on our behalf. The Commissioners have agreed that we are not interested in putting in the roundabout. The Port will assist the City of Othello if they move forward with it.

Someone is interested in buying 1 acre. The Commissioners do not want to sell any part of it currently.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

OTHER

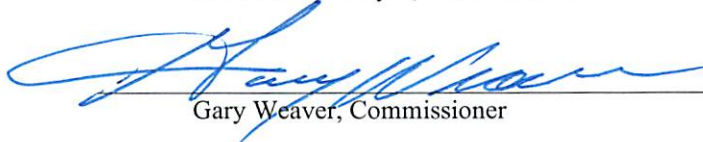
H. Montemayor wanted to discuss purchasing part of the building next door. G. Weaver is going to talk to the realtor about the project. The realtor will give a report to the Commissioners to see if it is something worth doing.

With no further business coming before the Port of Othello Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned at 10:56 am.



Deena Vietzke, Commissioner

Homer Montemayor, Commissioner



Gary Weaver, Commissioner



Carmon Derting, Executive Assistant