

COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES

May 12, 2026 – 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 a discussion on a report of the City Meeting, H. Montemayor; seconded; the motion passed.

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

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

AIRPORT

C. Faix announced the Pre-bid meeting for the Tie-down project tomorrow at 10am. The bid opening is May 28th at 10am.

BRUCE

C. Faix gave an update on the Water Tower. Apollo is waiting on materials, so work has been stalled.

C. Faix is still getting a full quote for the replacement water meters.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

C. Faix gave an update on the Hwy 24 property project. He met with WSDOT, Ann Henning from City of Othello and Kyle Nienhenke about the need for a turn lane and a second access. WSDOT gave us ways to be able to make it possible if the City of Othello approves it. WSDOT does recommend a turn lane for access in and out of the property. Port of Othello Commissioners have agreed to do a Traffic Impact Study to try to determine the best option. There is question about engineered drawings for the permit. It was mentioned that if it is a steel building, there will be drawings that come with it. G. Weaver mentioned there is an easement with access onto Bench at the rear of the property. There have also been questions about the septic system and according to City of Othello ordinance, the hardware store can have a holding tank. There will be another meeting that will include the City of Othello Administrator and the City of Othello Engineer.

C. Faix has called a meeting with the City of Othello Mayor and City Administrator tomorrow at 1:30pm.

C. Faix has received interest from a company to lease 30 acres in Bruce. C. Faix will be physically showing them the property tomorrow.

OTHER


The Commissioners were presented with the "Plan B" option for the sign. The brick could crumble when the new sign is brought in. The suggestion was to replace the rock with metal sides if it is crumbling.

The Commissioners were presented with dates for CIAW Training. The Public Official Roles and Responsibilities could be June 29th. The OPMA and Sexual Harassment is done through MRSC. The Commissioners will be sent the link for those.

C. Faix will be going to the WPPA Spring Meeting next week.

D. Vietzke spoke about the City Council meeting she attended. Kratom has been banned from the City of Othello. D. Vietzke did make a public comment to let the City Council know that if she is not attending the meeting physically, someone from the Port of Othello will be attending online.

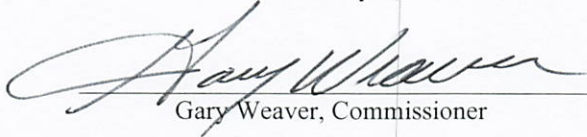
With no further business coming before the Port of Othello Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am.

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Deena Vietzke, Commissioner

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Homer Montemayor, Commissioner

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Gary Weaver, Commissioner

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Carmon Derting, Executive Assistant