

A **Special Meeting** of Port District No. 1 of Grant County was held at the Port District office at 101 F Street SW on **Wednesday 16, 2021** at 2:00 p.m. to discuss the Nikao Ranch Project for the Bishop area.

President Curt Morris called meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. Also, present were Commissioners Patric Connelly, Brian Kuest, Catalina Blancas, Travest Story, Rebecca Pettington, Pat Boss, Raymond Boesch, Bruce Rodgers and Pete Peterson.

Director Raymond Boesch immediately started with the introduction of the Nikao Ranch, a 10-month ministry recovery treatment facility for men currently located in Dunklin, Florida. Raymond spoke on the plans to move to the Pacific Northwest. He reported there are studies were opiate addictions and deaths have skyrocketed greatly in our area.

The Commissioners all agreed, there is a need of this kind of facility in our area and plan to work with the Nikao team on finding other key properties beside the Bishop Area, as there are current plans to develop recreation amenities on Bishops and feel that the two would not work well together.

Pat Boss mentioned there are city partnerships in Grant County, the Nikao Ranch team could reach out to, that work with the similar beliefs and services Nikao Ranch offers.


The Nikao team agreed, they were not set on Bishops Area as the final location for their facility. Raymond explained with the research in drug overdoses and deaths in Grant County area in general, this would be a great opportunity and location to start a treatment facility like this, currently there are no treatment facilities of this kind in the Grant County area.

President Curt Morris will stay in contact with the team to obtain a key piece of property for a Nikao Ranch in our area.

Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 3:30pm

PORT DISTRICT NO. 1 OF GRANT COUNTY


Curt Morris, President


Patric Connelly, Vice President


Brian Kuest, Secretary

ATTEST BY Recording Secretary: 