

The 1,156th **MEETING** of the Port District No. 1 of Grant County was held at the Port District office at 101 F Street SW on **Wednesday, March 8, 2023.**

Commissioner Pat Connelly called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Present were Commissioner Brian Kuest, Dahlia De La Rosa, Darci Kleyn, Samie Gillie, Dave Burgess, Connie Kuest, and Gabe Porter. On the phone- Commissioner Curt Morris, Michael Woodkey and Sonia Padron.

MINUTES: Upon motion by Commissioner Kuest, seconded by Commissioner Morris the minutes from February 22, 2023, were approved as printed.

UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

Wednesday March 22, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. Regular Meeting – 101 F St. SW

QBEC: Connie Kuest stated she is still working with Fast Lane Signs regarding the mission statement. Connie also mentioned she is looking into some more furniture and possibly a coffee cart for renters to use in the meeting rooms.

COLOCKUM RIDGE GOLF COURSE: Gabe Porter stated the kitchen is open with a limited menu and the new employees are doing well. Gabe also mentioned the ‘full hook up’ RV spots are fully booked for the summer. Commissioner Connelly stated the canal will begin filling with water on the 22nd and the pumping station has been fixed. Discussion was held regarding the Columbia Basin Tourism Guide, at this time nothing will be submitted for publication.

BISHOP: Commissioner Morris stated Eric Weber has requested a status report from the DOE regarding the water. Discussion was held in regards to adding an informational sign at the entrance to the property that includes a map of the area, details of the property and contact information. It was agreed upon by all Commissioners to proceed with ordering a sign.

INTERMODAL: Commissioner Morris stated the equipment to do the gravel work is on site and work will begin soon.

INDUSTRIAL PARK 5: Commissioner Connelly stated the water line work should be done by Monday but the rest of the construction will wait to begin until the fall. Michael Woodkey stated he is working on a change order stating the work will be paused until a later date.

AIRPORT: Commissioner Connelly stated all of the runway lights have been fixed.

HOSPITAL: Commissioner Kuest stated the board met with the architectural team to discuss the design and budget.

EDC: Commissioner Kuest stated he has a meeting scheduled with an EDC representative.

PROTECTION 1, LLC: Commissioner Kuest stated he met with Leslie Thompson and Lane Ribail regarding 2 different ambulances that are available for purchase. Commissioner Kuest also stated he received an updated equipment list from Stryker but will not be moving forward with purchasing any equipment until an ambulance has been purchased.

PORT PROTECTIVE SERVICES: Commissioner Morris stated Dan Couture has a meeting scheduled with the City of George on Friday. Commissioner Morris also stated that Chris Ries is finalizing the Non-Disclosure Agreement.

NEW BUSINESS: CBDL Membership- Discussion was held regarding a renewal notice that was received from the Columbia Basin Development League Membership. Darci Kleyn stated that this renewal already took place in October 2022 and it must have been a mistake to receive a notice again.


NEW BUSINESS: Accounting Services (Engagement Letter)- Darci Kleyn stated the 2022 reports have been completed and it may be beneficial to have the reports reviewed by a company who specializes in government accounts. Upon motion by Commissioner Kuest, seconded by Commissioner Morris Darci can proceed with having the reports reviewed.

WARRANT APPROVAL: Upon motion by Commissioner Kuest, seconded by Commissioner Morris, the following warrants were approved for payment:


March 6th #22649 through #22652 in the amount of..... \$ 43,120.73
March 8th #22653 through #22694 in the amount of..... \$ 52,234.62

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm.


PORT DISTRICT NO. 1 OF GRANT COUNTY




Curt Morris, President



Patric Connelly, Vice President



Brian Kuest, Secretary

ATTEST BY Recording Secretary: _____