

The 1165 **MEETING** of the Port District No. 1 of Grant County was held at the Port District office at 101 F Street SW on **Wednesday, July 27, 2023.**

Commissioner Curt A. Morris called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Present were Commissioner Brian Kuest, Commissioner Pat Connelly, Connie Kuest, Valeria Ramirez, Dahlia De La Rosa, Darci Kleyn, Gabe Porter, Cheryl Schweiter, Dave Burgess, and Tony Leibelt. On the phone- Sonia Padron

PUBLIC COMMENT: Assistant Chief of Grant County Fire Dist. #3 Tony Leibelt informed the commissioners about FMAG (Fire Management Assistance grant) that could help with funding for obtaining water in the Bishop Recreational Area. Mr. Leibelt will keep the commissioners informed when he receives updates on the grant.

MINUTES: Upon motion by Commissioner Kuest, seconded by Commissioner Connelly the minutes from July 12, 2023, were approved as printed.

UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

Wednesday August 9, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. Regular Meeting – 101 F St. SW

QBEC: Connie stated that Alex Ybarra suggested submitting an amount for the next session to get the funding desired to remodel the kitchen and entry way in the main hall. Connie still plans to apply for the Paul lauzier foundation for funds that would still go towards renovations in the main hall. Connie plans to work on the flowerpots this following week since some of them are being affected by the heat and thinks that the watering system may be getting plugged. She also mentioned that she reached out to Tobin electric to get better lighting in the alley behind the main hall so that security could have good visuals of the back door during events. Commissioner Morris asked Connie if she could look at other camera options to upgrade the cameras that are in the main hall so that they have better image quality.

COLOCKUM RIDGE GOLF COURSE: Gabe Mentioned that the golf course has been busy. The booster’s tournament had such a good turnout raising about \$52,000.00. The ladies exchange with Ellensburg will be held on Thursday the 27th, bringing in about 30 players. Gabe brought up the idea of possibly hosting a concert/live music event at the golf course towards the end of the summer.

PORT PROTECTIVE SERVICES: Commissioner Morris there has been nothing but compliments from the citizens of George. There are a few projects being worked on with Desert Aire.

INTERMODAL: Commissioner Curt mentioned that business is as usual. There was a new contract that was picked up to ship potatoes in containers starting in September. Commissioner Connelly stated that the quote for the expansion of the tracks came back with an estimate of \$14 million for the track costs. Now that the design is at 30% complete the Port can pursue funding. Commissioner Morris also mentioned that the annexation project is just starting.

RACEWAY: Upon motion of Commissioner Kuest, seconded by Commissioner Connelly the extension of lease for raceways technologies was passed.

INDUSTRIAL PARK 5: Commissioner Morris stated that there is still interest in the land, but they run into issues with the electricity and water shortages. The PUD are starting to obtain easements for power lines towards the north.

AIRPORT: The crack sealant has been redone as mentioned by commissioner Connelly. Commissioner Connelly spoke to Rep. Tom Dent at the town hall meeting about applying for grants to get better lights at the airport.

BISHOP: Commissioner Morris stated there is nothing new to report as the project is still on hold and a decision should be taken soon about the future of Bishop Recreation area.

PROTECTION 1, LLC: Commissioner Brian had nothing new to report.

HOSPITAL: Commissioner Brian attended a meeting last week where it was said that the building design for the hospital is below budget. The building permits should be obtained in September and groundbreaking for construction should start in November.

EDC: Commissioner Morris stated that there is nothing new to report.

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

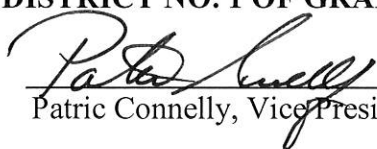
July 17th#223028 through #23044 in the amount of.....\$86,105.32
July 26th#23045 through #23069 in the amount of.....\$99,903.50

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM.

PORT DISTRICT NO. 1 OF GRANT COUNTY



Curt Morris, President



Patric Connelly, Vice President

via phone

Brian Kuest, Secretary

ATTEST BY Recording Secretary:

