

The 1176 MEETING of the Port District No. 1 of Grant County was held at the Port District office at 101 F Street SW on **Wednesday, January 10, 2024.**

Commissioner Curt A. Morris called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Present were Commissioner Kuest, Commissioner Connelly, Commissioner Morris, Dahlia De La Rosa Valeria Ramirez, Dan Couture, Gavin Galbraith, Gabe Porter, Angel Diaz, Dan Leavitt, Dave Dormier, and Cheryl Schweizer. On the phone: Patt boss, Micheal Woodkey.

MINUTES: Upon motion by Commissioner Kuest, Seconded by Commissioner Connelly the minutes from December 13, 2023, were approved as printed.

UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

Wednesday January 24, 2024, at 5 p.m..... Regular Meeting – 101 F St. SW

QBEC: Connie reported that she has had a busy first few weeks of the year. Since the acquisition of Tobin Electric by Holmes Electric, Connie has introduced herself to the new ownership and asked for a new quote for the lighting in the event center. She was informed that the purchase of the current bulbs is not actually legal since they are outdated. She has started the application for the Paul Lauzier grant requesting \$175k. If we are unable to get the full amount requested, she hopes we will receive at least enough funding to cover the costs of getting the new lighting in the event center. After visiting the golf course club house, Connie thinks she would like to extend her projects to the golf course and make it look more appealing to the eye since it is right off the highway and would like to make it look more welcoming to increase business. Pat Boss mentioned he has a meeting with legislators next week where he will be presenting the request for funds from the Capital Budget. These funds will also be used for the renovations of the event center. Connie has checked in with Dan to finish some other little projects around the Port office and event center. Since the reader board was taken back from Wenatchee World the commissioners were asked what they would like the rates for advertising to be. They agreed that the rates should be decided by the admin office of the Port.

COLOCKUM RIDGE GOLF COURSE: Gabe reported that the golf course would likely be having some closures due to the weather, He also reported that they are getting ready for 2024 season. There are a few projects that he will be postponing until the grand isn't so wet. Gabe has an idea to add historical signage to the tee boxes and around other areas in the golf course. The commissioners asked him to look more into the details of the project and the possible implementation of the signs around the golf course.

PORT PROTECTIVE SERVICES: Dan reported that he is working on two additional Interlocal Agreements. One would be during the renovation of Columbia Basin Hospital and the other would be with the City of Quincy. Dan also reported that everything is going good in the City of George and GCSO is happy with Angel's presence as it reduces the number of calls that get escalated to the sheriff's office.

INTERMODAL: Upon motion by Commissioner Kuest and seconded by Commissioner Connelly the new daily rate and terms contract between Emerys and the Port of Quincy was approved for signature. The new contract will increase Emerys's daily rate per railcar to \$6. Commissioner Morris discussed the two options available to be able to be placed onto STIP. To be eligible for STIP the Port must prove that

the project is funded. The Port will apply for SIP grant money to cover the costs of engineering design and surveying. If the SIP is not granted, then the Port will pay for the expenses to be added to STIP.

INDUSTRIAL PARK 5: Mike Woodkey from Grey and Osborne notified the commissioners that he has spoken with the contractor of the water main project, and they have said to be starting the project in the next two weeks.

AIRPORT: Commissioner Connelly met with Jay Cedergreen to see what their plans were on the land adjacent to the airport. Jay told Commissioner Connelly that they plan on starting to build a hangar at the end of this month. Commissioner Connelly informed him about the calls he had received from tenants at Ephrata Airport and would refer all the calls he gets to Jay.

BISHOP: Nothing new to report.

PROTECTION 1, LLC: Nothing new to report.

HOSPITAL: Commissioner Kuest stated that the next meeting is scheduled for the 3rd Thursday in January.

EDC: Commissioner Morris stated that the main topic at the last meeting was focused on infrastructure improvements.

NEW BUSINESS:

COMP PLAN: Upon motion by Commissioner Kuest and seconded by Commissioner Connelly the scope of work for the comprehensive plan produced by Western Pacific Engineering and Surveying was approved.

WA TRUST LOC: The Port is interested in keeping a line of credit open with WA trust bank, but a requirement of a \$500,000 deposit may be a hindrance to keeping it. Darci will continue to investigate how to keep the line of credit.

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


January 5th #23426 through #23448 in the amount of..... \$366,250.25


January 10th #23449 through #23466 in the amount of..... \$57,362.80

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 PM by Commissioner Morris.

PORT DISTRICT NO. 1 OF GRANT COUNTY


Curt Morris, President


Patric Connelly, Vice President


Brian Kuest, Secretary

ATTEST BY Recording Secretary: 