

The 1,194th MEETING of the Port District No. 1 of Grant County was held at the Port District office at 101 F Street SW on **Wednesday, October 9, 2024.**

Commissioner Curt A. Morris called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners Pat Connelly, Darci Kleyn, Dahlia De La Rosa, Claudia Garcia, Dan Couture, Gabe Porter, Debbie Parrish, Jess Slusher, Daniel Castillo, Lori White. On the Phone: Commissioner Brian Kuest, Connie Kuest, Pat Boss

MINUTES: Upon motion by Commissioner Connelly, Seconded by Commissioner Kuest the minutes from September 25, 2024, were approved as printed.

UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

Wednesday, October 23, 2024, at 4 p.m..... Regular Meeting- 101 F St. SW

CONNECTING CHURCHES AND MEETING NEEDS: Debbie Parrish introduced Pastor Jess Slusher and Daniel Castillo.

Mr. Slusher stated that Sever Quincy Valley is an organization that helps people in need. Local churches assist with the emergency needs Quincy residents may need, for example housing needs, gas needs and so on. Mr. Castillo helps with the schools and families with emergency needs. He is also a coordinator distributing food to those in need. Mr. Slusher and Mr. Castillo are looking for a larger place to utilize to be able to help more people.

Mr. Castillo stated that he helps families in need by conducting an interview process that determines the needs and situation of the families. This organization not only helps the families but also builds relationships with them and helps the families engage with the community. Serve Quincy Valley helps Quincy and George area they have contact with the city to help locals.

Commissioner Morris stated that the port cannot gift funds. Mr. Slusher mentioned if the port can become a contributor. Commissioner Morris questioned how does the service reach the people in need? Mr. Castillo replied they have Facebook, the schools, the churches, etc. Commissioner Morris stated that they would have to run this by Mr. Ries and Pat Boss. Mrs. Parrish stated that this organization operates by donation. Mr. Boss stated that state funding could be a possibility. Commissioner Connelly stated that Pat Boss can see what options are available for funding for the purchase of the building.

GUEST SPEAKER: LORI WHITE- Mrs. White approached Commissioner Morris regarding the reader board on Monday by Friday she had 101 signatures requesting a new sign. Mrs. White reads a letter to the Commissioners. Commissioner Morris asks Darci for the quote that was once given to the port to replace the sign, Darci states the quote was outdated and roughly around \$35 thousand to \$70 thousand for a new reader board. Commissioner Morris stated that the Port has requested funding for updating the Event Center and we've included the reader board in the request. Commissioner Morris informed Mrs. White that if the grant does not come through, then the Port will have to check on the budget for next year.

QBEC: Dan Neilson is requesting a pay rate of \$40 per hour for major projects when he uses his own tools and equipment. Commissioner Connelly agreed. Commissioner Morris requested a breakdown of hours worked at the normal rate and a higher rate. After concurrence by Commissioner Kuest the pay rate was approved.

Capital Budget Grant: The budget for the remodel project was reviewed. If the cost exceeds the grant the Port will cover any excess from the General Fund. Upon motion by Commissioner Connelly Seconded by Commissioner Morris the budget was approved.

Partnership for Youth- requested to use the meeting room for next year. Darci stated that they started using the meeting rooms once a quarter then they used requested usage twice a month. Darci stated that Claudia has been cleaning behind them after they use the room. Commissioner Morris stated we will charge \$50 a month for the maintenance of the room.

COLOCKUM RIDGE GOLF COURSE: Gabe stated last weekend they had 50 players and Monday a good size group from Yakima came to the course and turned out to be a great day. Gabe stated it's nice to see out of towners golfing at our course. Gabe also stated they are still working on the T-boxes and various improving projects around the course. Gabe is also planning to start working on getting the cart storage cleaned and ready in November.

INTERMODAL: Commissioner Connelly received an easement from Intermountain for fiber. He explained the easement to Commissioner Morris. Upon discussion Commissioner Morris would like Mr. Ries to review the easement.

PORT PROTECTIVE SERVICES: Dan Couture presented a new Service agreement with Desert Aire. They will provide the vehicle and gas for PPS to provide service to them. Upon motion by Commissioner Kuest Seconded by Commissioner Connelly the service agreement was approved. Dan explained Ray will be working there tonight. Dan gave thanks to the Commissioners for reimbursement of his certification.

KER PROPERTY: The Notice for the Public Hearing on the proposed sale of 10 acres has been prepared and will be posted.

INDUSTRIAL PARK 5: Commissioner Connelly stated that Mr. Ries is reviewing G&O's input on using retainage to finish the punch list.

AIRPORT: Nothing new to report.

BISHOP: Commissioner Morris stated there is a running group requesting to use Bishop for their affair this spring as before. Commissioner Morris stated he will check with possible new owner if this will be allowed.

HOSPITAL: Nothing new to report, Commissioner Kuest stated they have their meeting next Wednesday.

EDC: Commissioner Morris stated they have a meeting next week there's not a whole lot going on. Commissioner Morris stated the County Commissioners want to collaborate with various businesses.

WARRANT APPROVAL:


October 4th#24116 through #24118 in the amount of.....\$1,366.26

October 9th#24119 through #24159 in the amount of.....\$151,646.05

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 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: 