

The 1,200th 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 8, 2025.**

Commissioner Pat Connelly called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Present were Commissioner Brian Kuest, Darci Kleyn, Dahlia De La Rosa, Connie Kuest, Claudia Garcia, Gabe Porter, Michel Woodkey, Dan Couture, David Durfee, On the Phone: Pat Boss.

**MINUTES:** Upon motion by Commissioner Kuest, Seconded by Commissioner Connelly the minutes from December 23, 2024, were approved as printed.

**UPCOMING MEETING DATES:** Wednesday, January 22, 2024, at 4 p.m...Regular Meeting- 101 F St. SW

**QBEC:** Connie stated that Essence Construction LLC has started on the kitchen project everything is going as planned. Connie also stated that the month of May opened up for Business After Hours upon motion by Commissioner Kest seconded by Commissioner Connelly the Port will be hosting Business After Hours in May.

**COLOCKUM RIDGE GOLF COURSE:** Gabe stated that Nic Murphee has accepted the job offer and he will start February 1<sup>st</sup>. Gabe is also preparing to open the restaurant on as needed basis for now until the season is fully open. He has been working with Jared with Plant Turf on early ordering the seeds and necessities for this season this gets us an early ordering discount. Gabe asked if it would be possible to fence off the RV park, it would make the park visually more appealing. Commissioner Connelly said he would investigate the easement and refer to the fence. Gabe also stated he has spoken to the assistant manager at the Micro Stay Hotel in George to offer a stay and play package he also noticed that there is no golf sign on the road Commissioner Connelly stated to call the state there should be two signs on the road.

**INTERMODAL:** Nothing new to report.

**PORT PROTECTIVE SERVICES:** Dan Couture stated that George is going as planned, the guards are working 7 days a week in Desert Aire Dan is also meeting with the Port of Moses Lake in February.

**KER PROPERTY:** Mr. Woodkey presented the Commissioners with two options on the Binding Site Plan there are two 10-acre lots one option has the land associated with easement that makes the lots more than 10-acres, The other option does not include the land associated with easements making them an even 10- acre lots, upon discussion the Commissioners agreed to go with the even 10-acre lot option. Commissioner Kuest mentioned there is a party interested in the rest of the parcels.

**INDUSTRIAL PARK 5:** Nothing new to report.

**AIRPORT:** Nothing new to report.

**BISHOP:** Commissioner Kuest stated we are waiting on Mr. Ries.

**HOSPITAL:** Commissioner Kuest stated that they have a meeting next week and the hospital construction is a couple of months behind.

**EDC:** Nothing new to report.

**Water Acquisition:** Commissioner Connelly stated that we have received a purchase sale agreement with Bill Stevens on the two QB water permits upon motion by Commissioner Kuest, seconded by Commissioner Connelly the purchase sale agreement was approved.

**Resolution 2025:** motion by Commissioner Kuest seconded by Commissioner Connelly  
**Resolution 2025-01 Authorizing Amending of Employee Handbook was approved.**



Wage adjustment options for 2025 as presented in the budget were discussed. With a motion by Commissioner Kuest and seconded by Commissioner Connelly a 5% adjustment was approved.

**WARRANT APPROVAL:**

January 03 .....# 24334 through #24340 in the amount of.....\$167,190.70  
January 07.....#24341 through #24369 in the amount of.....\$61,392.58

**PORT DISTRICT NO. 1 OF GRANT COUNTY**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM by Commissioner Connelly.

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Curt Morris, President	Patric Connelly, Vice President	Brian Kuest, Secretary

ATTEST BY Recording Secretary: 