

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
PORT OF EPHRATA COMMISSIONERS  
August 2nd, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners for the Port District No. 9 of Grant County met in regular session on August 2nd, 2021 in the Port conference room. Commissioner Karen Moore called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Commissioners: Karen Moore, George Sisson and Shelly Rivard Detrick. Staff: Greg Becken, Executive Director.

**MINUTES:** MOTION CARRIED unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 19, 2021 (M/S: Shelly Rivard Detrick / George Sisson).

**VOUCHERS:** The following Vouchers/Warrants were approved for payment.  
Airport Fund: Payroll Warrant #18089 - 18098 Totaling \$15,933.04  
Vouchers # 18099 - 18103 Totaling \$1,978.10

MOTION CARRIED unanimously to authorize payment of above Vouchers/Warrants (M/S George Sisson / Shelly Rivard Detrick).

**OLD BUSINESS:**

County Jail Proposal:

- a. Port Commissioners recapped the public meeting and reviewed the minutes provided from the special meeting on July 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. The commissioners discussed the input received from the public during the special meeting for the proposed land sale.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Financial Management:

- a. Greg stated the Port was awarded the ARPA Grant.
- b. Greg informed the commissioners that the Stoneway lease is in review by legal and will be ready for signature soon.
  - a) MOTION CARRIED unanimously to authorize the Executive Director to execute the Stoneway lease once legal has approved (M/S George Sisson / Shelly Rivard Detrick).
- c. Greg provided the commission with an update on the progress regarding a bare ground lease with Tim Barker. A meeting to discuss the lease will be scheduled in the next two weeks.

**EXECUTIVE UPDATE:**

Meeting with the City: Greg had a meeting with the city to handle introductions and discuss short- and long-range plans. Greg stated they also discussed the future location of City Hall and the growth direction the current administration sees the city going.

Civil Air Patrol: Greg spoke about this year's Civil Air Patrol event and the great success they had, he also scheduled a reporter to come and get a story from a student PIO that was published in the local newspaper.

Facebook: Greg notified the Commission that our Facebook page has over 100 followers in the 2 weeks we have been managing it. Also, this has been a great way for us to publish Port related articles and help the community to stay updated on what we are doing.

Meeting with Rep. Tom Dent: Greg reached out to Tom Dent to discuss the possible use of crop dusters to provide an initial attack to wildland fires in the central Washington. Tom Dent was very excited to discuss this again and has been working on this very topic for years, Rep. Dent will work with the Port to attempt to find a funding option to begin this program. Greg stated this is a program that we might be able to get started in the next year or two.

Meeting with the EDC: Greg stated that he met with the EDC during the week to discuss the future development options for the Port, also discussed was the need to update marketing material and what we have ready for use or development.

Contacted legal for lease updates: Greg informed the commission that he reached out to our legal council to introduce himself and requested they send the current lease language they use.

**PUBLIC/TENANT INPUT: NONE**

**OPERATIONS and MAINTENANCE:**

None: Kurt was gone on vacation.

**FROM THE OFFICE:**

- a. Travel & Meetings:
  - a) Jail Project Public Input Meeting: August 16<sup>th</sup>, right after our regular commission meeting 4pm
- b. Next Regular Meeting: August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**COMMISSIONER INPUT:**

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to conduct, Commissioner Karen Moore declared the meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

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Karen Moore, President

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George Sisson, Vice President

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Shelly Rivard Detrick, Secretary

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Gregory W Becken

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