

# **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PORT OF EPHRATA COMMISSIONERS**

**August 4, 2025**

The Board of Commissioners for Port District No. 9 of Grant County met in regular session on August 5, 2025 in the Port conference room. Commissioner Mary Rathbone called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Commissioners: Mary Rathbone (Via Phone), and Nicholas Moore; Staff: David Lanman, Executive Director; Kurt Oxos, Operations and Maintenance Supervisor & Gordon Grenier; Charla Bomstad, Finance Officer; Guests: Dave Bren, Shawn O'Brien, Ray Towry, City of Ephrata; Phil Borck, Ephrata City Council; Jeremy Burns, Ephrata Fire Department; David Maxwell, Roger Patry, Garrett Clemetson, CAP; Rhyanne Berryman, EDC.

**MINUTES:** MOTION CARRIED unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on July 21, 2025 (M/S: Nicholas Moore / Mary Rathbone).

**VOUCHERS:** The following Vouchers/Warrants were approved for payment.  
Airport Fund: Vouchers # 19785 - 19794 Totaling \$75,390.12

MOTION CARRIED unanimously to authorize payment of above Vouchers/Warrants (M/S Nicholas Moore / Mary Rathbone).

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Washington State Aviation Fuel Tax Coalition – July 24<sup>th</sup> Coalition Meeting Summary conducted at Chelan-Douglas Regional Port Authority Office, Wenatchee: Director Lanman informed the commissioners about the meeting he attended in Wenatchee last week. Commissioner Moore asked what the next step is for the coalition, and Director Lanman informed him that continuing efforts are being made by the coalition to finalize the membership by September 1<sup>st</sup> and then from there formally pursue a course of action.

City of Ephrata Purple Water Pipe Project – Update/Discussion with City Leaders. City asking for Port input as to where the proposed pipe should connect with Port property and whether the Port is open to selling land if an opportunity presents itself via a manufacturing or industrial company seeking such: Representatives from the City of Ephrata gave the commissioners a presentation on the future of the reclaimed water and asks them where they would like the purple water to come into port property. They also discussed the new truck route that they would like to come through port land and stated that the purple pipe could follow this road. The commissioners thanked the city representatives for coming and stated they will discuss this further and will get in contact with Ray Towry within the next four weeks.

R/W 3-21 and Taxiway A Rehabilitation Project – New construction dates secured with contractor to address weather and Pangborn Memorial Airport (EAT) closure dates: Director Lanman sent the commissioners a copy of the FAA grant agreement and the CR Contracting agreement that needs commissioner approval so that they can be sent on to legal for approval.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously to accept the FAA Grant 3-53-0027-027-2025 in the amount of \$632,976.00 (M/S Nicholas Moore / Mary Rathbone).

MOTION CARRIED unanimously to approve the contract with CR Contracting (M/S Nicholas Moore / Mary Rathbone).

Director Lanman also requested an additional \$30,000 to touch up the paint on R/W 11-29 while they are here painting R/W 3-21. The commissioners would like to add this to the next meeting so that commissioner Rivard Detrick can be present.

It was asked how work is going on the REIL lights and staff replied that the lights shipped today and should be here on Wednesday or Thursday and will be fixed shortly after that.

### **NEW BUSINESS: DEFERRED**

#### **PUBLIC/TENANT INPUT:**

David Maxwell from the Civil Air Patrol informed the commissioners that they completed their national flight academy and it was a success. They had 20 students with 15 solo flights.

It was also stated that this region is planning a drone class program to be held in Ephrata. The date has not been set yet, but David will let us know.

Roger Patry asked the commissioners when CAP will see a lease draft on building 301. The commissioners replied that it is scheduled to be on the next meeting's agenda.

#### **OPERATIONS and MAINTENANCE: NONE**

Terminal building: Staff have completed painting the body of the building. Final touchup from overspray is being completed. With equipment failures, heat and wind the project took longer than expected.

Weed control: Staff are continuing to spray noxious weeds in the grass fields in the industrial side of the Port.

Kurt Retiring: Today is Kurt's final meeting he will be attending, and Gordon Grenier will be attending the meetings from now on.

Commissioner Rathbone thanked Kurt for his many years of service to the Port and that in her short time here she has thoroughly enjoyed working with him.

### **FINANCIAL UPDATE: NONE**

#### **FROM THE OFFICE:**

- a. Next Regular Meeting: August 18, 2025
- b. Travel & Meetings:

#### **COMMISSIONER INPUT: NONE**

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to conduct, Commissioner Mary M. Rathbone declared the meeting adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

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Mary M. Rathbone, President

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Shelly Rivard Detrick, Vice President

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Nicholas Moore, Secretary

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

David Lanman – Executive Director

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