

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

March 2, 2026

The Board of Commissioners for Port District No. 9 of Grant County met in regular session on March 2, 2026 in the Port conference room. Commissioner Shelly Rivard Detrick called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioners: Shelly Rivard Detrick, and Nicholas Moore; Staff: David Lanman, Executive Director; Charla Bomstad, Finance Officer; Guests: Dave Bren, City of Ephrata; Jeremy Burns, Ephrata Fire Chief; Phil Borek, City Council; Dan Roach, Port of Moses Lake; Ron Sawyer, CBCD; Kevin Richards, Western Pacific Engineers.

MINUTES: MOTION CARRIED unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on February 17, 2026 (M/S: Nicholas Moore / Shelly Rivard Detrick).

VOUCHERS: The following Vouchers/Warrants were approved for payment.

Airport Fund: Payroll Warrant #20037 - 20041 Totaling \$11,587.02

Vouchers # 20042 - 20052 Totaling \$100,709.56

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

PRESENTATION: Port of Moses Lake: *W-20 Canal extension:* Kevin Richards from Western Pacific Engineering gave a presentation on behalf of the Port of Moses Lake to inform the commissioners about the W-20 Canal Extension project that will improve the water quantity and quality to Moses Lake. This extension will have the additional benefits of supplying water to Potholes and Quincy.

The Commissioners stated that they are generally supportive of this project and feel it would be a benefit to all of Grant County. They thanked them for coming and making the presentation and look forward to working with them further. It was acknowledged that an Interlocal Agreement between the two ports will be required. Prior to such agreement, the commissioners will call for an open meeting to the public to discuss this and will invite the Port of Moses Lake to attend that meeting to answer any questions from the public.

OLD BUSINESS:

Resolution 2026-002 WSDOT Airport Aid Application: North Apron, Taxiway & Taxilane Rehabilitation Project – *Motion for approval:*

MOTION CARRIED unanimously to approve resolution 2026-002 guaranteeing grant match funds in the amount of \$22,037 (M/S Nicholas Moore / Shelly Rivard Detrick).

Ephrata Industrial Revitalization Economic Plan (CERB Planning Grant): *Update:* Dave Bren from the City is working on creating a presentation for Director Lanman to present at the CERB

planning grant application threshold review meeting on March 19, 2026, in Lacey, Washington. Director Lanman, City Administrator Ray Towry, and City Project Engineer Dave Bren will all attend this meeting.

City Crack/Chip Seal Cooperative Project: Update: The City has obtained a grant that will cover up to ninety percent (90%) of the costs to crack/chip seal Port roads. Crack seal will take place this year, 2026 and chip seal will be in 2027.

NEW BUSINESS:

Washington State Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Program (FMSIB) Grant: Report: Dave Bren gave the commissioners an update on the FMSIB grant in the amount of \$350,000 and asked the commissioners to commit to splitting the 13.5% grant match 50/50 with the City. The amount that the Port would be committing to would be around \$23,625 and would be applied to the 2027 budget.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously to create a resolution to be signed at the next meeting to commit grant match funds in the amount of \$23,625 in the 2027 budget (M/S Nicholas Moore / Shelly Rivard Detrick).

TIB Arterial Preservation Program (APP) Grant: Announcement: Dave Bren gave the commissioners a brief overview of the TIB APP grant that the City was awarded that will benefit the Port as well, specifically to be used for the development of a feeder road between the proposed thru way i.e. North-South Arterial and the rail warehouse complex.

OPERATIONS and MAINTENANCE: Director Lanman informed the commissioners that staff are in the process of getting all the equipment ready to start weed control. Special pesticide licenses have been renewed.

FINANCIAL UPDATE: NONE

PUBLIC/TENANT INPUT: Phil Borck talked to the commissioners regarding the bike/walking path and the cracks that are developing. He also informed the commissioners that there is a GTA meeting tomorrow to discuss options for the use of the buildings that were purchased on Basin St.

FROM THE OFFICE:

- a. Next Regular Meeting: March 16, 2026
- b. Travel & Meetings:
 - a. **CERB Planning Grant (Ephrata Industrial Revitalization Economic Plan) Application Threshold Review** – Lacey, WA Thursday, March 19th, 2026 (Director)
 - b. **WPPA Spring Meeting**, Skamania Lodge, Stevenson, WA Tuesday, May 19th (8:00am) thru Thursday, May 21st 5:00pm (Commissioner Chase, Director Lanman)

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Shelly Rivard Detrick adjourned the regular meeting at 5:38 p.m. to executive session for approximately 20 minutes to consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for lease when public knowledge regarding such consideration will cause a likelihood of an impact on price re: surrounding land parcels. However, final action of leasing public property shall be taken in a meeting open to the public.

RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Shelly Rivard Detrick reconvened to regular meeting at 5:58 p.m. No decisions were made.

COMMISSIONER INPUT: NONE

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to conduct, Commissioner Shelly Rivard Detrick declared the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Shelly Rivard Detrick, President

Nicholas Moore, Vice President

Tyler Chase, Secretary

ATTEST: _____

David Lanman – Executive Director

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