**MINUTES OF THE ALL-DAY WORKSHOP OF THE**
**PORT OF EPHRATA COMMISSIONERS**
**October 22, 2026**

The Board of Commissioners for Port District No. 9 of Grant County met in an all-day workshop on October 22, 2026, in the Port conference room. Commissioner Shelly Rivard Detrick called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**PRESENT:** Commissioners: Shelly Rivard Detrick, Nicholas Moore and Tyler Chase.

**ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Commissioner Shelly Rivard Detrick adjourned the meeting at 9:20 a.m. to executive session for 40 minutes to review the performance of public employees.

**RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Commissioner Shelly Rivard Detrick reconvened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. No decisions were made.

**Century West Engineers:** Kurt Addicot and Stephanie Ray entered the meeting as our new Airport Engineers to discuss recommendations moving forward. These recommendations included getting closeout information from Ardura on the current project, reaching out to the FAA Airport District Office to prioritize the Capital Improvement Plan and to reset our working relationship. They suggested scheduling a meeting between the Airport, Century West and the FAA before year end to support that effort. Finally, Century West is working on a Department of Commerce grant to help facilitate the construction of fencing around the Airport Operations Area. This grant is justified as it relates to safety and economic development of the community. An example of impacts would be when FEMA would not do flight operations out of Ephrata during their staging for the Spokane Fire this summer due to the weak security environment. This single event prevented sales of hundreds of gallons of fuel as well as the lost revenue to the community from aircrew lodging, meals etc. The fencing would be a multi-phased project with the highest risk areas receiving priority.

**ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Commissioner Shelly Rivard Detrick adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m. to executive session for 30 minutes to review the performance of a public employee.

**RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Commissioner Shelly Rivard Detrick reconvened the meeting at 11:30 a.m. No decisions were made.

**ADJOURN TO BREAK:** Commissioner Shelly Rivard Detrick adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m. for 60 minutes for lunch.

**RECONVENE FROM BREAK:** Commissioner Shelly Rivard Detrick reconvened the meeting at 12:30 a.m.

**ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Commissioner Shelly Rivard Detrick adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m. to executive session for 60 minutes to review the qualifications of an individual for public employment and what the conditions of employment might be if qualified. Mike Wren joined the commissioners for this session.

**RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Commissioner Shelly Rivard Detrick reconvened to regular meeting at 2:00 a.m. No decisions were made.

**CANDIDATE EMPLOYMENT DISCUSSION:** The discussion acknowledged that Mike Wren was clearly qualified to perform the duties needed as a Part Time Interim Manager due to his approximate 17 years of previous experience. In light of that experience and Mike's willingness to serve in the position, Commissioner Detrick made a motion to offer employment to Mike Wren as a Part Time Interim Manager with a duration of up to 5 months.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously to approve the hiring of Mike Wren as the Interim Manager. (M/S: Nicholas Moore / Tyler Chase).

After the motion, Mike Wren accepted the offer of employment. There was then extensive discussion of how to most effectively audit the past Port operations while ensuring current areas of focus continue moving forward. The Commissioners offered the following lines of support to the staff:

Commissioner Detrick: Audit, Personnel & Operations
Commissioner Chase: Projects and FAA
Commissioner Moore: Property management, Leases and accounting

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to conduct, Commissioner Shelly Rivard Detrick declared the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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Shelly Rivard Detrick, President

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Nicholas Moore, Vice President

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Tyler Chase, Secretary

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Shelly Rivard Detrick - President