

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PORT OF EPHRATA COMMISSIONERS
January 16, 2018**

The Board of Commissioners for the Port District No. 9 of Grant County met in regular session on January 16, 2018 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: Mike Wren, Port Manager.

MINUTES: MOTION CARRIED unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 2, 2018 (M/S: George Sisson / Shelly Rivard Detrick).

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

Airport Fund: Payroll Warrant #16687 - 16694 Totaling \$9,013.40

Vouchers # 16695 - 16705 Totaling \$27,638.20

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Airport Master Plan: Mike is going to Renton for a meeting with the FAA on January 24th. The goal is to get some clearly defined, acceptable options with respect to the future design and utilization of runway 4/22; specifically, when used by gliders. Mike has informed the FAA that the Master Plan is on hold until the FAA can provide the necessary guidance needed to make sound decisions for the future of the airport.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

PUBLIC/TENANT INPUT: NONE

OPERATIONS and MAINTENANCE:

Road Grader: The braking system on the road grader is now operational. The leaking cylinder has been repaired and re-installed. The grader has been tested and is ready for operation.

Genie S-80: The Genie S-80 has been fully serviced. Oils and filters have all been replaced. We are experiencing a carburetor problem on the drive motor. We are waiting for parts to arrive to complete repairs.

Surplus: Gordy and I went to Hanford where we acquired exhaust fans for our shop, which will improve indoor air quality while welding in our shop. We also obtained some measuring calipers and angle finders.

Weed Board meeting: We attended the annual Grant County weed pesticide meeting. It is an opportunity to meet new enforcement officers and engage with their staff. We also gained knowledge of new herbicides that have different modes of action on noxious weeds that have become resistant to chemicals we presently use.

Industrial Bldg. 1: We are sweeping the floor of this building. When building #1 is complete, we will move on to building #2.

FROM THE OFFICE:

- a. Travel & Meetings:
 - i) WPPA Executives Phone Meeting, Jan 23 Karen
 - ii) FAA Meeting, Jan 24
 - iii) Annual Port Dinner Feb 5 (After Regular Meeting at Sisson's)
- b. Next Regular Meeting: Feb 5

COMMISSIONER INPUT: Commissioner Moore reiterated how happy she is that the fence project near 5th was completed and commented that though it had to “split” the current walking path, her experience is that there was still adequate room for those who desire to walk or bike on the path. Commissioner Detrick communicated her appreciation to how Mike responded to an inquiry by a potential buyer of the T-Hangar as to why we couldn't simply extend the lease period beyond the current 20-year option. Mike provided all of the regulatory guidance and financial data but the “short answer” was that an extension could only be granted if the new tenant “purchased” additional years that would make up for lost income the Port would otherwise make as full owners of the facility. Without that “time purchase”, it would most likely be considered gifting of public funds.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to conduct, Commissioner Karen Moore declared the meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

Karen Moore, President

George Sisson, Vice President

Shelly Rivard Detrick, Secretary

ATTEST: _____

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Michael G. Wren