

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
PORT OF EPHRATA COMMISSIONERS  
August 6, 2018**

The Board of Commissioners for the Port District No. 9 of Grant County met in regular session on August 6, 2018 in the Port conference room. Commissioner Karen Moore called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Commissioners: Karen Moore, George Sisson and Shelly Rivard Detrick. Staff: Mike Wren, Executive Director; Kurt Oxos, Operations and Maintenance Supervisor; Charla Bomstad, Financial Officer, Guests; Kevin Nordt, Chuck Allen and Terry Brewer; Grant County PUD.

**PUBLIC/TENANT INPUT:**

Kevin Nordt: Grant County PUD General Manager Presentation: Kevin presented the current financials and infrastructure status for the utility. He then talked about their goals for the future which included the recently adopted rate structure as well as the plan to address the uncertainty, risk and high load demand related to crypto currency miners.

The commissioners thanked them all for coming and for the work they do for all of us in our community.

**MINUTES:** MOTION CARRIED unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 16, 2018 (M/S: Shelly Rivard Detrick / George Sisson).

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

Airport Fund: Payroll Warrant #16906 - 16918 Totaling \$13,853.32

Vouchers # 16904 - 16905 and 16919 - 16931 Totaling \$23,552.17

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Airport Master Plan Progress: It has been 6 months since meeting with the FAA and the Master Plan was put on hold. Mike reached out to the project manager and finally heard back that they intend to follow up soon.

Jetoptera: The drone testing went well and they were very happy with the value they received as a short-term tenant in building 1.

Road Naming: Mike proposed two names for the new roads; Lockheed Ave for the road going East off of Airport St SE and Marksman St. for the road that turns north off of Lockheed Ave to the gun range. The commissioners agree with these two names and Mike will submit those to the city.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Ephrata Machinery Building 1 Visit: Mike was approached several months ago about space to manufacture and assemble a new 150 ft long machine that Ephrata Machinery has designed.

Their interest continues and they toured building 1 last week. If they can get a semi-firm promise of purchase, their intent is to lease ¼ of the building for 3-4 months. This will give them a working model that can be viewed by other purchasers as well. Their business strategy also includes potential expansion in the corrugated box industry. After touring building 1, they felt strongly that this building could accommodate that expansion; especially with the specifications that the fire suppression system was constructed to meet.

**OPERATIONS and MAINTENANCE:**

Building 2004, 2006: The priming and the painting of these building has been completed.

- o Metal corner trim painted.
- o Soffit and fascia primed and painted.
- o Personnel doors and all roll up doors painted.
- o New branch wiring run for additional security lighting.
- o Corner and trim metal was installed on building 2004

The department adjusted to early work schedule last week due to extreme heat.

Noxious weeds: The treatment of noxious weeds is coming to an end. This week will be the last of the hand spraying of colonized patches of noxious weeds. It was challenging this year due to the winds we have had along with the high temperatures. We are considering a fall aerial application if necessary in areas that were not accessible by ground.

**FROM THE OFFICE:**

- a. Travel & Meetings:
  - a) 2019 Preliminary Budget Complete: Oct 15
  - b) WPPA Small Ports Seminar: Oct 18-19
  
- b. Next Regular Meeting: Aug 20

**COMMISSIONER INPUT: NONE**

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to conduct, Commissioner Karen Moore declared the meeting adjourned at 5:01p.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: \_\_\_\_\_

Michael G. Wren

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