The 1,110<sup>th</sup> **MEETING** of the Port District No. 1 of Grant County was held via teleconference at the Port District office at 101 F Street SW on **Wednesday**, April 14, 2021.

Commissioner Curt Morris called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Present were Commissioner Pat Connelly, Commissioner Brian Kuest, Darci Kleyn, Dan Couture, Catalina Blancas, Cari Mathews, Cassi Calloway, Rebecca Pettingill. Also attending via phone were Gabe Porter, Dan Bucci, Larry Julius, Michael Woodkey, Michael Medina, Dahlia De La Rosa, and Pat Boss.

**MINUTES:** Upon motion by Commissioner Kuest, seconded by Commissioner Connelly the minutes from March 24, 2021 were approved.

## **UPCOMING MEETING DATES:**

Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. ..... Regular Meeting - 101 F St. SW

## **QVBCC:**

**IFP, Inc. (security):** Commissioners discussed the security agreement parameters in the proposed new contract. Mr. Couture, owner of IFP, Inc., would like to decrease the liability policy requirements from \$5 million to \$1 million. Commissioner Morris asked Mr. Couture to inquire about the cost difference between the \$1 million and \$5 million. When that information is available the Commissioners will review that cost, along with the other event polices, to determine the level of security needed at events.

Advertisement: Catalina Blancas said she will be advertising on the reader board and Facebook that the Business and Conference Center is now open. Commissioners agreed for Mrs. Blancas place a small advertisement in the Post Register, on an ongoing basis, perhaps quarterly.

**General maintenance:** Darci Kleyn asked the Commissioners to clarify who is to be called when the QVBCC needs general maintenance performed. Commissioners requested a list of maintenance needs, along with proposed personnel to perform those tasks. Then a determination can be made if outside help is required.

**INTERMODAL:** Commissioner Morris reported the transformer has been installed, and locations for the pedestals are marked.

**AIRPORT:** Commissioner Connelly reported he received a call from the Irrigation District regarding the tumbleweeds. Commissioner Connelly said he will mow them as soon as we receive the tractor and mower.

**COLOCKUM RIDGE GOLF COURSE:** Gabe Porter reported a busy Sunday with over 100 golfers. Mr. Porter said there are two new tournaments scheduled, one for the Quincy High School in June and an Ephrata business in May.

## **BISHOP:**

**Business plan:** Catalina Blancas and Cari Mathews presented a draft of the Bishop Recreation Area Business Plan. They stated that the budgeted amounts are not accurate as to the phases presented. The plan is also needing information requested from Travest Story, who was unable to provide it on short notice. Commissioner Morris said he would like to have the power point information and pictures included in the plan. Commissioners will take time to read through the plan and possibly set up a work session to determine the next steps.

A discussion was held regarding funding for the Bishop property. Pat Boss said there are a couple avenues, and it needs to be ready by July to go after funding.

**Dan Bucci (Ancient Lake Trail Run):** Dan Bucci reported the Ancient Lake Trail Run went well, plenty of room and they were super pleased. Mr. Bucci said there was 400 runners through the weekend.

**PROPOSED PARK 8:** Nothing new to report.

**PARK 9:** Commissioner Morris reported receiving the Purchase and Sale Agreement from the buyer. Commissioner Morris said Chris Ries has sent a revised Purchase and Sale Agreement to the Purchaser.

EDC: Nothing new to report.

**RACEWAY:** Commissioner Morris reported Raceway is employing 15-18 employees and would like to be up around 35 by summertime.

**INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER:** Commissioner Kuest reported Landau is moving forward and need to break ground by the end of this year. Upon motion by Commissioner Connelly, seconded by Commissioner Kuest the Navix and Landau Associates Scope of Work in the amount of \$1,685,570.00 subject to concurrence with the IUG was approved.

Commissioners held a discussion regarding hiring an operator and an overseer for the daily operations of the Industrial Wastewater. Larry Julius said there are companies and individuals for both long and short term out there who oversees projects. Commissioner Kuest said the IUG would need to agree. No action taken.

-Amended Option to Purchase (BAM property): No action was taken as the Commissioners want to change language in the document.

-Memorandum of Option to Purchase: No action was taken.

**HOSPITAL:** Nothing new to report.

**BUSINESS AFTER HOURS (PORT/RACEWAY):** Commissioner Kuest reported the Port, along with Raceway, will host Business After Hours in August with a possible ribbon cutting ceremony.

**CPM (RENEW LEASE AGREEMENT):** Upon motion by Commissioner Kuest, seconded by Commissioner Connelly a new lease mirroring the previous lease was approved to be presented to CPM for their approval.

**2021 QUINCY VALLEY RECREATION GUIDE (QVPR):** Upon motion by Commissioner Connelly, seconded by Commissioner Kuest a glossy full page back cover in the amount of \$600 was approved in the Quincy Valley Recreation Guide.

**TOURISM GUIDE (COULUMBIA BASIN HERALD):** Upon motion by Commissioner Connelly, seconded by Commissioner Kuest the ad was denied for this year. It may be considered in subsequent years once the Bishop Recreation Area is up and running.

**BE READY EXPO (QV HISTORICAL SOCIETY):** Cari Mathews asked the Commissioners to sponsor a tent for the May 22<sup>nd</sup> Be Ready Expo in the amount of \$250. Upon motion by Commissioner Kuest, seconded by Commissioner Connelly the \$250 was approved.

**FY22 FUNDING & LETTER OF SUPPORT (COLUMBIA BASIN DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE):** Discussion was held on sending a letter of support. As the request for funding is not specific to who the funding is for, and exactly what it is being used for, the decision was made not to respond to the request.

**LARRY JULIUS:** Larry Julius announced that he will be retiring at the end of April. He thanked the Commissioners for the opportunity to provide 26 years of service.

**WARRANT APPROVAL:** Upon motion by Commissioner Connelly, seconded by Commissioner Kuest, the following warrants were approved for payment.

 April 5<sup>th</sup>
 #19867 through #19914 in the amount of ......\$76,253.21

 April 14<sup>th</sup>
 #19915 through #19932 in the amount of ......\$96,912.03

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm.

PORT DISTRICT NO. 1 OF GRANT COUNTY Curt Morris, President Patric Connelly, Vice President Brian Kuest, Secretary ATTEST BY Recording Secretary