

The 1,184th MEETING of the Port District No. 1 of Grant County was held at the Port District office at 101 F Street SW on **Wednesday, May 8, 2024.**

Commissioner Curt A. Morris called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners Pat Connelly, Brian Kuest, Darci Kleyn, Connie Kuest, Chris Ries, Gabe Porter, Tony Liebelt, Claudia Garcia, On the Phone: Michael Woodkey.

**MINUTES:** Upon motion by Commissioner Kuest, Seconded by Commissioner Connelly the minutes from April 24th, 2024, were approved as printed.

**UPCOMING MEETING DATES:**

Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at 5 p.m..... Regular Meeting – 101 F St. SW

**QBEC:** Homes Electrical Services was in this week and has provided us with an estimate on converting the lights to LED for the Main Hall and the Chamber Office.

Connie was able to plant flowers in the pots around the QBEC building.

Connie reported that the Paul Lauzier grant has been submitted and we should hear in June if we've been chosen for the grant.

The Port will have a raffle prize when hosting Business after Hours on May 16<sup>th</sup>

**COLOCKUM RIDGE GOLF COURSE:** Connie reported that Dan has completed all the painting on the inside of the clubhouse. Connie purchased flowers and planted them around the clubhouse.

Gabe reported that the two-person night glow tournament was successful and that they are ready to host the Chambers golf tournament on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Gabe also stated that they will also be installing a memorial stone on the 14<sup>th</sup> hole for a golf member that passed away. His memorial golf tournament will be hosted on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**INTERMODAL:** Nothing new to report.

**PORT PROTECTIVE SERVICES:** Commissioner Morris presented the Service Agreement for the Greater Crescent Bar Association. The Commissioners discussed the authority the Port has for providing armed security services with Chris Ries. Mr. Ries stated it's a gray area. Commissioner Kuest stated that the Port is acting under the tourism umbrella, which allows the Port to provide services in the Crescent Bar area. Commissioner Connelly reiterated that he is concerned with the liability exposure this opens the Port to. Commissioner Morris stated he has received confirmation from CIAW that the guards employed by the Port are covered by the Port's general liability policy, as long as they are not providing "police services" since the Port does not have any coverage in that area. CIAW does want documentation of the training that the Port's guards receive and encourages the Port to send them to specific training provided by CIWA. With a motion by Commissioner Kuest, Seconded by Commissioner Morris the Service Agreement with the Greater Crescent Bar Association was approved. Commissioner Connelly abstained.

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**KER PROPERTY:** Mr. Ries is drafting a lease with an option to buy for the interested party in the 10-acres. Access to the parcel still needs to be determined.

**INDUSTRIAL PARK 5:** Michael Woodkey stated that there isn't much to update on the water main extension project. He is still waiting for some punch list items to be completed.

Telnyx is still considering purchasing a 10-acre parcel. Power supply will need to be addressed.

**AIRPORT:** Commissioner Connelly reported the grant for new lights was submitted. An estimate for the project came in at around \$650,000

**BISHOP:** The Department of Fish and Wildlife provided a draft agreement to purchase the property, Mr. Ries is reviewing. Dave Bishop would like to reclaim the easements previously granted to the Port.

**HOSPITAL:** They will not be having a meeting this month. The next meeting is scheduled for June.

**EDC:** Nothing new to report.

At 5:48pm Commissioner Morris stated that the Board was going into executive session to discuss a legal matter. The regular meeting will resume back at 6:00 pm, with no action being taken on items discussed.

Upon resumption of the regular meeting the board discussed ideas for optional power services now that the Grant County PUD has stated they have no availability for new development. Mr. Ries clarified to the Commissioners that the Port, within the Industrial Development District, has the authority to design, build and operate an electrical utility.

#### **WARRANT APPROVAL:**

May 3<sup>rd</sup>.....#23707 through #23749 in the amount of ..... \$98,540.20


The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM by Commissioner Morris.

#### **PORT DISTRICT NO. 1 OF GRANT COUNTY**

  
Curt Morris, President

  
Patric Connelly, Vice President

  
Brian Kuest, Secretary

ATTEST BY Recording Secretary: 

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