Minutes of the Pioneer Ports meeting of April 5, 2016.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. at the Red Lion Hotel, Port 3, 621 21st Street, Lewiston, ID, by Commissioner Mike Thomason. Commissioner Thomason called for review of the agenda. Commissioner Hasenoehrl made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Commissioner Boone. The motion passed unanimously.

In attendance from the Port of Whitman County: Commissioner John Love, Commissioner Tom Kammerzell, Commissioner Dan Boone and Port Manager, Joe Poire. From the Port of Lewiston: Thomason, Commissioner Mike Commissioner Jerry Klemm, Commissioner Mary Hasenoehrl, Port Manager Dave Doeringsfeld and staff Jaynie Bentz. From the Port of Clarkston: port Commissioner Wayne Tippett, Commissioner Rick Davis, Commissioner Marvin Jackson and Port Manager Wanda Keefer.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Commissioner Thomason called for citizen comments. No comments were provided.

PORT UPDATES:

WHITMAN: The Port of Whitman reported they have already completed their construction projects budgeted for this year. The budget was approximately \$2 million. Manager Poire reported that a rail project at the Port of Wilma is complete and that CHS is working to permit a surface grade rail crossing to their facility. Commissioner Kammerzell commented that the heavy haul legislation passed for State Highway 128. Open discussion was had regarding the Port of Whitman's continued assistance to the Ports of Clarkston and Lewiston with their respective dark fiber projects. Manager Poire also reported on recent improvements at their Boyer Park recreational facility.

<u>CLARKSTON:</u> Wanda Keefer reported on their newly developed Turning Pointe Business Park. Open discussion was had regarding their first tenant, a cannabis growing and processing facility. She reported on fiber leases and planning meetings beginning for the upcoming $3^{\rm rd}$ Annual Riverfest event.

<u>LEWISTON</u>: Dave Doeringsfeld reported on the Navy project being constructed at the port's dock of oversized units to be barged to Bremerton Naval Base, development at the old EKO site located within the Harry Wall Industrial Park, concept development of another incubator building, and updates on fiber construction. Open discussion was had regarding the need for mediation to occur regarding Hwy 12.

PIONEER PORTS OUTREACH PROGRAM: Commissioner Thomason welcomed Kristin Meira, Executive Director, of Pacific Northwest Waterways Assn and Brian Kristjansson, of Desimone Consulting. Ms. Meira thanked the Pioneer Ports for the opportunity to be the keynote speaker at tomorrow's luncheon. She conveyed her appreciation to stakeholders like the Pioneer Ports interested in a balanced approach of a multi-use river system. She briefly reviewed corps and stakeholder projects systemwide.

Commissioner Thomason welcomed Doug Mattoon, Executive Director, of Valley Vision. Mr. Mattoon inquired about the lack of containers serving Washington farmers and if the Port of Portland would be coming back on line. He also reported that a new business, P Kay Metals, is relocating to the Lewiston, Southport area, from California. There was general discussion about the current barge/rail option for container shipping to Puget Sound and the continued pressure from multiple groups to breach the four Snake River dams.

<u>ADJOURN:</u> Commissioner Love made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Commissioner Davis. The motion passed unanimously. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:42 P.M.

Mary Hasenoehr

PORT OF LEWISTON, Secretary