

**PORT OF LEWISTON**  
**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING**  
**July 29, 2014**

A special meeting of the Port of Lewiston Commission was held at the hour of 9:00AM on July 29, 2014, at the Port of Lewiston Administrative building, Lewiston, Idaho, pursuant to notice duly given.

Port Commission President, Mary Hasenoehrl, and Port Commission Vice-President, Jerry Klemm and Secretary/Treasurer, Mike Thomason were present. Staff in attendance were Port Manager, David Doeringsfeld, and Port Assistant Manager, Jaynie Bentz. Guest in attendance were Port Manager, Joe Poire, from the Port of Whitman County and Elaine Williams, reporter for the Lewiston Tribune.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President, Mary Hasenoehrl. She stated the purpose of the meeting was to have open discussion with Port of Whitman County Manager, Joe Poire, regarding the Lewiston Fiber Optic study and extending dark fiber through Nez Perce County through an inter-local agreement. She continued that an executive session will also be held as allowed by Idaho Code §67-2345 (c), (d) and (e).

Port Manager, David Doeringsfeld, updated the Port Commission by stating that dark fiber is currently to the Idaho state line on Down River Road. Previously we had participated with the Port of Whitman County on a dark fiber construction design that is fairly complete. The Port of Whitman County is currently working with the city of Lewiston on a franchise agreement that is not complete. Staff from both ports are working together to develop a partnership regarding the project, administration and agreement.

Mr. Poire next referenced the construction plan document. He stated that the Port of Whitman County coordinated their extension of dark fiber along Down River Road with the plan for improvements scheduled by Washington State Department of Transportation, on the Washington side. This is reflected on pages 4 & 5 of the construction plan. The Port of Whitman County has applied for a permit on the Idaho side of Down River Road to enter the Right-Of-Way; the approval is pending. He continued that the city of Lewiston indicated they would be issuing a 'Use Agreement' for Right-Of-Way use instead of a Franchise Agreement; he has not seen a draft agreement yet.

Referencing the construction plan, red lines indicate underground lines, blue represents aerial lines. The proposed build out into Lewiston is referenced on pages 5-11 of the construction plan. Construction costs for plan pages 5-14 are estimated at \$800,000.00 which is about \$17,000/mile. The plan creates trunk lines, that can be phased, that will develop into looped patterns throughout the community, which may also be phased, to create redundant paths.

It was noted that the plan references 'Avista poles' and this reference should be 'Utility poles' as ownership determinations have not been determined.

Mr. Poire stated that the Lewiston Fiber Optic plan is the same revenue model utilized for the Port of Whitman County which has been successful for over a decade. There is approximately a 7-year return on investment, incrementally. He stated that the Port of Whitman currently has 17 service providers 'lighting the lines' and utilizing the fiber to the area businesses; the ports are strictly building infrastructure and investing into their communities.

Open discussion was had regarding strand quantities and miles, the potential division of administrative and emergency services, revenue structure, mapping, A and Z locations, insurance, construction costs, pole connection fees, billing, and how emergency restoration services work. Mr. Poire stated that they have experienced one outage in 14 years.

Mr. Poire stated he will be sending in the pole design to Avista once the Use Agreement with the city of Lewiston is finalized.

Port Manager, David Doeringsfeld, stated that the Port of Lewiston needs to determine what to build first and that construction build out can be phased. He continued that the Port of Clarkston introduced dark fiber into Clarkston last year. Mr. Poire stated that the ports are not picking winners or losers, we are building a road, as such, for anyone that wants to run on it; everyone has the same option. The market will dictate the price for services and the pathways for development.

The Port Commission thanked Mr. Poire for his time to attend today's meeting, for his ongoing expertise and the outreach effort to collaborate with the Port of Lewiston on this project.

After answering questions by Elaine Williams, reporter for the Lewiston Tribune, Commissioner Klemm made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 10:10 a.m.; seconded by Commissioner Thomason. Voting Aye in favor of the motion were Commissioners Hasenoehrl, Klemm and Thomason; voting Nay, none. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Poire and Ms.

Williams exited the meeting. The Port Commission immediately went into Executive Session as allowed by Idaho Code §67-2345 (c), (d) and (e).

The Port Commission exited Executive Session at 10:55 a.m. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.



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Secretary