

PORT OF LEWISTON
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
April 12, 2018

The Port Commission met at Jollymore's Restaurant, 1516 Main Street, Lewiston, ID 83501 at the hour of 5:30 p.m. on April 12, 2018, to participate in joint meeting of the Pioneer Ports.

Present at the meeting from the Port of Lewiston were Port Commissioners Mary Hasenoehrl, Jerry Klemm, and Mike Thomason. Staff in attendance were Port Manager, David Doeringsfeld, and Port Assistant Manager, Jaynie Bentz. Present from the Port of Clarkston were Port Commissioners Wayne Tippett, Rick Davis, and Marvin Jackson. Staff in attendance were Port Manager Wanda Keefer and Administrative Assistant, Beth Larsen. Present from the Port of Whitman County were Port Commissioners Kristine Meyer, Tom Kammerzell, and John Love. Staff in attendance was Properties and Development Manager, Debbie Snell. Also in attendance were Scott Zuger, Manager of Lewis Clark Terminal and Doug Mattoon, Executive Director from Valley Vision. Participants were seated and the business meeting convened at 6:00 p.m.

AGENDA and INTRODUCTIONS:

Port Manager, David Doeringsfeld, requested review of the agenda. Manager Keefer requested to add discussion regarding the upcoming PNWA Summer Conference to the outreach discussion. Consensus was had to include discussion of the PNWA Summer Conference.

Manager Doeringsfeld welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

PROJECT UPDATES:

Port of Clarkston – Manager Keefer reported on dock beautification efforts and improvements being made to enhance the cruise boat visitor experience. Mr. Mattoon expanded on the cruise boat discussion regarding committee development and citizen/business involvement to help implement the improvements needed for long term and short term industry growth. It was noted that 24,000 cruise boat visitors arrived in the LC Valley community last year along with 6,000 crew members.

Port of Whitman County – Commissioner Kammerzell reported on signing a 25 year lease with a KOA concessionaire for their Boyer Park location. The concessionaire manages other locations, is focused on customer service, will operate an on-site store and continue operation of the restaurant.

Commissioner Kammerzell reported on the status of H.R. 3144 stating that the bill is out of committee and will be going to the House floor. Discussion was had regarding the roundtable held earlier this week by Congressman Newhouse.

Commissioner Meyer reported on the success in passing of the broadband bill in Washington State. Discussion was had regarding the positive impact this will have for ports and educational institutions.

Port of Lewiston – Manager Doeringsfeld reported that there seems to be an increased number of phone calls regarding lease interest options for property. He continued that in this next budget cycle the Port will consider hiring an engineering firm to help explore the costs to make recreational improvements to the Port's Confluence Waterfront property which has both industrial and recreational development opportunities.

Valley Vision – Mr. Mattoon reported that he announced his retirement effective June 30, 2018. A search committee is in place to recruit his replacement and they have it currently narrowed down to four candidates.

Mr. Mattoon also reported that Alaska Airlines has announced their elimination of service to the Nez Perce County-Lewiston Regional Airport effective August 25, 2018. Discussion was had regarding the additional time and cost it will burden community businesses, legislators and officials doing business at the state capitol and surrounding Boise area. He is hopeful that another airline, with the appropriate size planes, can be recruited to provide service in/out of the valley.

Mr. Mattoon complimented the economic development efforts of all the ports and their land and fiber optic development efforts. He stated that the ports help provide the land inventory and data infrastructure needed to help him do his job in recruiting businesses to this area.

Lewis Clark Terminal – Manager Zuger reported on the construction completion of two new grain storage bins at their Lewiston facility. The project increases storage capacity by 1.2 million bushels. He continued that improvements were also made to

automation increasing speeds in loading barges to 30,000 bushels per hour allowing two barges a day to be filled. He reported that trade teams will again be visiting this summer and he will continue to work with the Idaho Wheat Commission in hosting them into our area. Discussion was had regarding concerns about trade war issues.

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES:

An overview and open discussion was had regarding the status of area events, related marketing efforts, educational information, vendors and participants for the following events:

- Family Festival, Boyer Park – June 2
- PNWA Summer Conference, Clarkston, WA – June 25, 26, 27
- Riverfest, Granite Lake Park, Clarkston, WA – September 8
- Riverfest, Tri-Cities, WA – September 8
- Nez Perce County Fair, Lewiston, ID – September 20-23

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.



Secretary
Mike Thomason