

**PORT OF LEWISTON**  
**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING**  
**September 18, 2018**

The special meeting of the Port Commission was held at the Port District Office at the hour of 10:00 a.m. on September 18, 2018.

Present at the meeting were Port Commission President, Mary Hasenoehrl, Port Commission Vice-President, Jerry Klemm, and Commission Secretary/Treasurer, Mike Thomason. Administrative staff in attendance was David Doeringsfeld, Port Manager and Port Assistant Manager, Jaynie Bentz. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Port Commission President, Mary Hasenoehrl.

**AGENDA APPROVAL:**

Port Commission President, Mary Hasenoehrl, called for review of the agenda. Commissioner Thomason made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Commissioner Klemm. The motion passed unanimously.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS: None**

**NON-ACTION AGENDA:**

Manager Doeringsfeld introduced Joe Poire, Executive Director for the Port of Whimman County. Mr. Poire thanked the Commissioners for their interest to discuss the Port of Lewiston's fiber optic network as part of their strategic planning process and their interest in the Port of Whitman's fiber optic activities. Open discussion was had between Port staff, Commissioners and Mr. Poire regarding the status of the Port of Whitman's fiber optic network, federal funding opportunities and policy, the differences in state funding opportunities, areas that the Port of Whitman are exploring for business growth, and general overview of the status of industry development and consumer needs. Mr. Poire provided an overview about his involvement in federal policy change regarding fiber optics and how many ports are interested in providing dark fiber optic infrastructure. He hopes there is potential for funding opportunities, for all ports, with Washington State serving as the model. Discussion was also had about cultures within Port Commissions and varying political views regarding the roles of government to work

within their own jurisdictions vs outside their jurisdictions to accomplish larger projects spanning numerous constituents. Discussion also included data volumes and speeds desired for business and residential customers, fiber to the home models, and the high cost of building to small communities.

Commissioner Klemm exited the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Commissioner Thomason made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:14 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Hasenoehrl. Voting Aye – Commissioner Thomason and Hasenoehrl; voting Nay – None. The motion passed.

Commissioners thanked Mr. Poire for attending today's meeting.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

*Mike Thomason*

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Secretary  
Mike Thomason