

Minutes of the Pioneer Ports meeting of April 10, 2019.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. at Fonk's Coffee Shop, Colfax, WA. Brief introductions were made. In attendance were, Marvin Jackson, Wayne Tippett, Mark Brigham and Beth Larson of the Port of Clarkson and Kristine Meyer, John Love, Tom Kammerzell Kammerzell, Brenda Stav and Joe Poire of the Port of Whitman County. Also in attendance was Karl Dye of Valley Vision.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: Commissioner Meyer welcomed the group to Colfax and introductions were made.

Jerry Klemm, Mike Thomason, Mary Hasenoehrl, Dave Doeringsfeld and Jaynie Bentz of the Port of Lewiston joined the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

SNAKE RIVER FAMILY FESTIVAL: Brenda Stav, Communications and Media Coordinator for the Port of Whitman County gave an update on the Snake River Family Festival scheduled for June 8, 2019, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Boyer Park and Marina. Items discussed included Pioneer Ports' member participation, booth reservations, food vendors and advertising. She also reported on the need for an ice cream freezer and asked if Lewiston of Clarkston had a source for one.

PORT UPDATES: Individual Ports represented gave brief updates:
Port of Lewiston reported on the Upcoming RiverFest on September 7th, 2019, at Granite Lake Park. There will be a speaker's luncheon on September 6, 2019, prior to the festival.

The port has completed a draft of a riverfront master plan for the former Longview Fiber site. The site consists of 13 on-river acres and is in a prime location for industry or recreational development.

Lewiston's fiber plant is growing and they have doubled their revenue estimated in their 2019 budget. They adopt their 2020 budget at their Regular June meeting. They also thanked the Port of

Whitman staff and commission for their continuing assistance with fiber projects.

Port of Whitman thanked the ports of Lewiston and Clarkston for their partnership on telecommunications projects. It was also noted how important legislative efforts on funding for the CERB broadband grants for the future of communications in our region.

The port's agricultural value-add study for a potential building project at PIP West was discussed.

It was noted that the work of the Southern Resident Orca Task Force would resume in the fall of 2019. There was also discussion regarding the opposition to funding for the proposed \$750,000 study of removal of the Snake River dams recommended in the task force final report in 2018.

Port of Clarkston reported the 1st cruise boat of the season arrived in April. The EDA cruise boat economic impact study is starting and in 2018 15,000 cruise boat passengers visited the Lewis-Clark valley.

River dredging near the 7th Street Dock area is scheduled for 2021. A shallow spot in the main channel of the Snake was reported by a cruise boat captain located near Schultz Creek in the Boyer Park vicinity. The depth is only 16' and the cruise boats draft 13'.

The Port of Clarkston received a \$430,000 broadband infrastructure grant from CERB. The grant will be used to complete a dark fiber build from the City of Clarkston to the City of Asotin.

MEETING ADJOURNED: There being no further items of discussion eh meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

PORT OF LEWISTON

Mike Thomason

Mike Thomason, Secretary