Minutes of the meeting of the Pioneer Ports of September 12, 2022.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. In attendance were Tom Kammerzell, Kara Riebold, Jennifer Holt and Kalvin Johanson of the Port of Whitman County; Mark Brigham, Jay Backus, Dayna Weatherly-Wilson of the Port of Clarkston; Mike Thomason, Jerry Klemm, Joseph Anderson, Scott Corbitt, Christina Mangiapani, Jaynie Bentz and Mary Kate Myers of the Port of Lewiston; Joining by Zoom/telephone were Kristine Meyer of the Port of Whitman.

CHANGES TO AGENDA: There was none.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was none.

OLD BUSINESS:

RIVER SYSTEM: Commissioner Kammerzell reported that the Murray/Inslee Snake River dam study came out and it concluded that removal of the dams would not be viable at this time. Meeting members discussed how the pending rail strike could affect messaging, and what efforts should be taken to follow up on the study.

NEW BUSINESS:

INVITING PARTICIPATION FROM OTHER REGIONAL PORTS: Commissioner Kammerzell raised the topic of inviting members of the Port of Columbia and the Port of Garfield to future Pioneer Port meetings. Meeting members discussed and concluded that an invitation should be extended to both ports. The Port of Lewiston will host the next meeting and extend the invitation.

COORDINATING LEGISLATIVE OUTREACH AND RTPO EFFORTS: Commissioner Meyer provided background on the Palouse Regional Transportation Planning Organization (PRTPO) and its function as the regional transportation planning organization for southeast Washington. Meeting members discussed and agreed that some increased coordination would be beneficial going forward. Riebold

also noted that Columbia County and Garfield County are a part of the PRTPO.

PORT OF CLARKSTON UPDATE: Commissioner Brigham provided a report on river cruise boats to the Lewiston-Clarkston Valley, dredging in Snake River is set to begin this winter, and the three fiber-to-the-home broadband projects that are underway. Commissioner Brigham also explained that the Port's Executive Director duties have transferred from Wanda Keefer to Chris Rasmussen, although Keefer will remain working with the port as they finish their existing broadband projects. Commissioner Brigham also reported that they are working with Avista Utilities to build electric vehicle charging stations at the Port.

Meeting members had a discussion on the topic of homelessness and the various efforts made by the member ports to relieve and deter the effects of increasing homeless populations in their communities. Commissioner Meyer encouraged meeting members to further research the benefits of single-family homes converted to shelters in comparison to shelters that house 50-100 homeless individuals.

PORT OF LEWISTON UPDATE: Scott Corbitt reported on staffing changes at the Port of Lewiston. He also provided information about a broadband project funded by the Economic Development Administration to construct fiber from Moscow to Lewiston to Grangeville. Corbitt also reported that the Port was in the process of a land sale to a new metal manufacturing company, recently partnered with American Cruise Lines to build a cruise dock, and the Port also has river dredging scheduled for this winter.

PORT OF WHITMAN COUNTY UPDATE: Kara Riebold reported on the Port's staffing changes, broadband efforts, an upcoming CERB feasibility study, the Boyer Park dock replacement project, and the Port of Whitman Business Air Center's (POWBAC) crack seal project. Commissioner Kammerzell also added that the Annual Fly-

In at POWBAC is scheduled for September 24 and invited everyone to join the festivities.

MEETING ADJOURNED: At 6:43 p.m., there being no further business to come before the Pioneer Ports, the meeting adjourned.

Joseph Anderson, Secretary