



MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING
Held October 15, 2018

The October 15, 2018 Business Meeting was called to order at 5:18 p.m., by President Martin. The meeting was held at the Port of Sunnyside's Administration Office located at: 2640 E. Edison Avenue, Ste. 1, Sunnyside, WA.

Commissioners and Staff present at the Business Meeting:

Arnold Martin, Commission President
Jim Grubenhoff, Commission Vice President
Tyler Schilperoort, Commission Secretary
Jay Hester, Executive Director
Lucia Navarro, Administrative Assistant
Rob Faber, Legal Counsel

GUESTS: Fred Muller, Ag Health Laboratories

Citizen Comments: Fred introduced himself as one of four owners of Bovine Practitioners. Fred shared with the Commission that he is concerned with the proposed trailer park that is to be put in on E. Edison across from Golob Landing Business Park. He shared that as a current business owner in the park, he is concerned with the impact a 90-unit trailer park will have on surrounding businesses. He shared that he believes the Port should be more opposed to this new housing development and be vocal in their opposition. Commissioner Grubenhoff asked if the planning commission has pushed the issue through to City Council. Fred responded that it is his understanding that the zoning changes have passed through. His worry is that a 90-unit trailer park across from Golob Landing will not increase the value of property within Golob Landing and new businesses will not be encouraged to set up shop in Golob Landing. Commissioner Schilperoort asked Rob if it's possible to re-zone property after it has been changed. Rob responded that he would look into the RCW's concerning zoning and land use.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

FINANCE OFFICER:

- A draft of the 2019 budget was presented. Jay mentioned the user meeting with Industry representatives took place on October 9. During the meeting he shared that the Port has done a great job of controlling costs over the years which has resulted in no annual changes to their rates.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

- Jay mentioned that all new farm leases have been prepared. The farmers will be contacted in the coming weeks and he hopes to bring the new leases for approval at the next Port meeting on November 5th. He shared that the new farmer will be trying corn in the spray fields in 2019. Commissioner Grubenhoff asked if the farmer is allowed to plant anything he wants to in the spray fields. Jay responded no, the farmer cannot plant anything they would like, as they are the purchaser of the product from the spray fields not the Lessee. The Port makes the final decision in the crop rotation within the

Sprayfields.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Staff Comments: None

Legal Comments: None

Commissioner Comments: Commissioner Schilperoort stated he has been asked to put together a resolution opposing the proposed legalization of a marijuana retail business in Sunnyside and wanted to check in with Commissioners Grubenhoff and Martin to see how they felt about it. Commissioner Grubenhoff stated that he is opposed to a marijuana retail shop in Sunnyside and would support putting together a resolution to that effect. Commissioner Martin stated that he believes this is a moral issue and the Port should not make a public comment either way. Jay shared with the Commissioners that several Port's throughout the state support this industry. He also stated that 25+ years ago the idea of an incubator winery/brewery may have been taboo for the Port but today it is quite acceptable. He stated he does not believe the Port should make any type of statement relating to this issue as opinions may change over time.

ACTION ITEMS:


- Motion to authorize Jay Hester, as the Executive Director of the Port of Sunnyside, to sign all closing documents for the Port's purchase of approximately 18.5 acres of real property from G & S Cattle Company, including but not limited to excise tax affidavits, closing statements and closing escrow instructions, which are consistent with the Commercial & Investment Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreement signed by the Port. Commissioner Schilperoort moved to approve, Commissioner Grubenhoff seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

- The consent agenda includes:

Minutes of the Business Meeting held on October 1, 2018. Payroll issued on October 5, 2018 in the amount of \$36,154.09, payables issued on October 10, 2018 in the amount of \$258,358.35, totaling \$294,512.44. Commissioner Grubenhoff moved to approve, Commissioner Schilperoort seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Executive Session was opened at 6:09 p.m. by President Martin to discuss real estate and legal issues as allowed by RCW 42.30.110 subsection C & I respectively. The session was expected to last 10 minutes. At 6:19 p.m. the session was extended for 4 minutes by President Martin. The session closed at 6:23 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The Business Meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m., peace and harmony prevailing.



Arnold Martin, President

ATTEST: 

Tyler Schilperoort, Secretary