

A **Special Meeting** of Port District No. 1 of Grant County was held at the Port District office at 101 F Street SW on **Friday October 1, 2021**, to discuss the plans for the Quincy Valley Business and Conference Center.

President Curt Morris called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Also present were Commissioners Patric Connelly, Commissioner Brian Kuest, Darci Kleyn, Connie Kuest, Marlo Pettie, and representatives from Columbia Basin Herald and Youth Action Council. Also attending via phone was Sebastian Moraga from the QVPR.

The discussion was centered around the Port's two new employees, Marlo Pettie and Connie Kuest. Marlo has been hired as the new event manager and will be involved in the day-to-day running of the Center. Connie is tasked with coming up with ideas to improve the Center.

It was suggested the name be changed to the Quincy Valley Business and Event Center, that the logo be changed, and come up with a new look. The Commissioners want their ideas and what has previously been discussed to stay buried to give Marlo and Connie the chance to come up with their own new ideas.

Pat agreed and reminded everyone that we are dealing with a very maintenance intensive building.

The history of the building was reviewed—grocery store, City of Quincy, Quincy Community Center and finally to the Port.

It was agreed that the Center has not achieved the standards of what was envisioned when the building was donated to the Port, the Commissioners want something more.

Connie spoke about some changes she would like:

- Make outside more curb appealing, clean it up, low maintenance, flowerpots to tie in the two buildings, lights on outside of building
- Parking lot sealed and striped
- Light pole removed from center of parking lot
- Improve visibility of outside signage
- Flagpole repaired
- East end windows replaced
- Storage room cleaned up
- Purchase a floor cleaning machine
- Offer 4 floor plans to renters and the Port is responsible for setting up and taking down
- Better table storage
- Possible portable wall to customize space inside Main hall
- Portable bar
- Portable stage, remove old stage due to liability
- Certified kitchen

She concluded that we should start small with things that will make a big difference quickly.

Curt questioned what agreement is in place for the sign, Darci mentioned that we still partner with QVPR. It was mentioned that it could be used more for promotion of local community and business events.

Connie requested a list of contacts for maintenance, supplies, etc.

Marlo agrees that changes should be made and wants to get feedback from current renters to decide what should be prioritized.

Other ideas of uses for the Center were discussed, with the reminder that the Port should not take on activities that are already being provided by other area businesses.

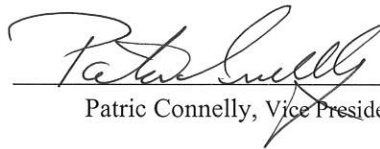
It was agreed that the Center should feel more welcoming to all who enter.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

**PORT DISTRICT NO. 1 OF GRANT COUNTY**



Curt Morris, President



Patric Connelly, Vice President



Brian Kuest, Secretary

ATTEST BY Recording Secretary:

