

The 1,229th MEETING of the Port District No. 1 of Grant County was held at the Port District office at 101 F Street SW on **Wednesday, March 25, 2026.**

Commissioner Pat Connelly called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Present were Commissioner Brian Kuest, Dahlia De La Rosa, Claudia Garcia, Micheal Woodkey, District Fire Chief David Durfee, Brent Dowlen, Frank Gonzales, on the phone: Commissioner Curt Morris

**MINUTES:** Upon motion by Commissioner Kuest, Seconded by Commissioner Morris, the minutes from March 11, 2026, were approved as printed.

**UPCOMING MEETING DATES:** Tuesday April 07, 2026, at 4 p.m....Regular Meeting- 101 F St. SW

**QBEC:** Claudia presented the simplified sponsorship application after discussion and motion by Commissioner Kuest seconded by Commissioner Morris the application was approved.

**COLOCKUM RIDGE GOLF COURSE:** Commissioner Connelly stated that the Mid-Columbia Senior Tour is coming to the golf course on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April it's a big event. Commissioner Connelly also stated the golf course operations is fully staffed. We continue to wait on the contractor to provide proper documentation to obtain a quote on the building project.

**INTERMODAL:** Commissioner Connelly stated the irrigation district approved the culvert permit. The last item needed is the City of Quincy's approval of crossing signage for Road O, and a permit from UTC for the same. HNTB is developing an analysis of signage required, so that a proposal can be made to the City. This analysis may take a while to complete since updated traffic counts are needed. Also, once the City approves the design it must go before the UTC for acceptance and permitting. This could delay construction. After discussion the Commission decided by vote to proceed with the rail extension project and put project out to bid with the rail bedding crossing the road, but not placing the rail until the signage is approved. In the event permit is received prior to the completion of rail work, then the rail can get installed. Commission also agreed to advertise for a construction management and administration contract.

**POWER AND WATER PROJECTS:** Commissioner Kuest stated we are still waiting for the letter from the city stating there will be enough water to serve future industrial customers. Commissioner Kuest stated everything is moving forward on the Power project. Commissioner Kuest also stated that Colusa is exploring the possibility of using synthetic energy in conjunction with natural gas.

**PORT PROTECTIVE SERVICE:** Commissioner Connelly stated we have the new Interlocal Agreement with the City of George. There are no changes from the existing 3-year agreement; upon motion by Commissioner Kuest, seconded by Commissioner Morris, the Interlocal Agreement was approved. The agreement will need to be taken to the City of George for their signature.

**INDUSTRIAL PARK 5:** Mr. Woodkey has completed the application for the binding site. Mr. Woodkey will contact the City of George to remind them the watermain needs flushed, Mr. Woodkey suggested that we turn over the watermain extension over to the City of George. The Commissioners decided to hold off on assigning the watermain at this time.

**KER PROPERTY:** Commissioner Connelly stated we have received the draft of the amendment to include the additional 10-acre parcel in the existing option agreement with Quincy Digital Mr. Ries drafted. Upon motion by Commissioner Kuest, seconded by Commissioner Morris, amendment was approved. The Port will inform Mr. Ries to proceed with the amendment and finalization, contingent on Quincy Digital acceptance.

**AIRPORT:** Commissioner Connelly stated that some of the materials ordered have been received and the contractors are projecting to start the lighting project on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**EDC:** We have received the 2026 Municipal Service Agreement with the Port agreeing to pay \$25,000.00 annually, on a paid quarterly basis. Upon motion by Commissioner Kuest seconded by Commissioner Morris the Service Agreement was approved.

**Association of Washington Business Magazine:** Commissioner Morris received an advertisement proposal from Association of Washington Business Magazine. After discussion the advertisement request was rejected.

**Bierlink Farm (Resolution 2026-01 & Lease Agreement):** Upon motion by Commissioner Kuest seconded by Commissioner Morris Resolution 2026-01 Approving Port District No.1 Grant County/Steven Bierlink lease and waving rent security was approved. Farm Lease agreement between Port District and Steven Bierlink for the 2026 farm season with no option to renew. Upon motion by Commissioner Kuest, seconded by Commissioner Morris, the farm lease was approved.

**Interstate Concrete & Asphalt Co. Lease Agreement renewal:** The lease agreement with Interstate Concrete is due to end in June and they have requested to renew the lease for 1 year with a 4-year extension under the current lease terms. Upon motion by Commissioner Kuest, seconded by Commissioner Morris, the lease renewal was approved. Port staff will draft the lease.

**NCW Tech Alliance (QHS Energy Careers Pathways):** Carri Horning and Dr. Sue Kane with NCW Tech Alliance requested support from the Port to help the apple STEM Network program that that creates pathways and secures resources for students from K-12 to post-secondary education. For careers in energy field. After discussion and upon motion by Commissioner Kuest, seconded by Commissioner Morris, the Port will commit to support the program with \$62,500 annually over the next four years. It is understood that NCW Tech Alliance will need to obtain additional funding from other sources.

**Shuttle Parking (4<sup>th</sup> of July):** Darci stated Debbie Kooy requested to use the parking lot as a shuttle pick up and drop off location for the Fourth of July the Commission had no issue with allowing that.

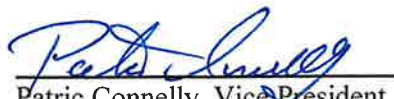
**WARRANT APPROVAL:**

March 20 ..... #25506 through #25508 in the amount of..... \$1,265.39  
March 25 ..... #25509 through #25562 in the amount of..... \$511,701.23

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM by Commissioner Connelly.

  
Curt Morris, President

  
Patric Connelly, Vice President

  
Brian Kuest, Secretary

ATTEST BY Recording Secretary: 