



MINUTES OF PORT OF MATTAWA COMMISSIONERS MEETING

July 23, 2018

Meeting called to order at 12:05pm. Attending were Commissioners Dayton and Leland, also attending Executive Director Lars Leland and Public Works Manager Chris Schmidt taking meeting minutes. Visitors included Gary Varney from the Desert-Aire Owners Association, Joe Harris City of Mattawa Police Chief, Matt Hietbrink, Yohar Renaud & Sara Longwel representing Circle K.

Mr. Varney is requesting funding from the Port to help with the startup of this restaurant. Mr. Varney states that this restaurant will create up to 15 new jobs for the local economy. Commissioner Dayton requests that this be an opportunity for all types of people of all classes feel free and be welcome to come and eat. Mr. Varney agrees that it will be welcoming to a diverse crowd. Commissioner Dayton requests to be in the loop if the Port is to provide funding, as Commissioner Dayton would like the opportunity to observe options and opinions especially in choosing a contractor to construct the restaurant. The commission believes this will promote economic development for the community. Commissioner Leland motion to provide \$3,000 to the Desert-Aire Owners Association (Food Service Establishment Committee) and is seconded by Commissioner Dayton. Lars will keep in touch with Mr. Varney and attend meetings regarding the development. The Port would like to promote higher than minimum wage jobs for year round community members.

For old business the port has received the bill from the PUD to pull the power through road T.7. Members from Circle K attended the port meeting expressing interest in purchasing 1.5 acre property northwest of the roundabout. Members from Circle K asked if the other properties north of the 1.5 acres would be available for sale. Lars stated that they would possibly be available for sale. Members stated that this Circle K would be a corporate run store and not a franchise. Commissioners request that if Circle K does indeed buy the property, that it be written somewhere that it remains a corporate ran business for at least a few years.

Mattawa Police Chief Joe Harris arrived for the meeting at 12:52pm. Joe thinks the city would be able to annex this stated 1.5 acre property Circle K is prospecting to buy. Timeline for annexation into the city is approximately 1-2 months. Lars thinks within 6 months for sure. Lars is advised by the commissioners to include articles of growth to Circle K and stating that the Circle K be independently Corporate owned. Lars is to talk with the city planner Darryl Percy and come up with 3 options on annexation.

Wastewater Development- Lars is planning to have a meeting with Senator Judy Warnick to see what it would take to get funding through the capitol budget for the 2.5 million dollars to expand the



wastewater plant and get a second pond. Lars stated Eric Johnson said he could also help with this process.

Sentinel Gap Industrial Park- Lars is to present the information for the Water Study grant to the Grant County EDC August 3rd.

Chris still needs to be signed up for the retirement system PERS 2. Linda will help complete this task.

Employee evaluations are to be performed for Chris and Lars. Lars will evaluate Chris and the Commissioners will perform Lars' evaluation.

Property purchase of the land south of the JW church, Lars is working on segregating this property with the city. Possibility of getting a Best Western, Lars needs to provide the feasibility of a Best Western coming in.

Directors meeting Lars attended in Kalama. Lars met with Banner Bank about bonding 2.5-5 Million Dollars for a new commercial building. Possible restaurant/ barber/ new port office. Commissioner Dayton believes this could be feasible as long as the Port could redeem the money back. Lars is thinking a 12-20 thousand square foot building would be a sufficient amount of space. Lars needs to get clients lined out and is starting a portfolio.

Meeting adjourned at 1:55pm.

Lauri Dayton

Glenn Leland

Chris Schmidt