

**PORT OF COLUMBIA**  
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes  
July 11, 2012

Commissioner Gene Warren opened the meeting at 7:30pm. Those present were Commissioners Warren, McKinley and Marvin, Manager Dickinson, Auditor Phinney, and community member Tom Benzel.

**Public Comment:** Tom Benzel told the commission that he is running for Columbia County Commissioner and gave a brief bio.

Minutes from the June regular meeting were read and approved. The monthly budget report and inquiry summary were reviewed.

Dickinson reported that the annual inspection report from the CoE was received and reviewed. The inspection was the best we have ever had, with just a few items that need attention. A copy of all the materials was mailed to concessionaire Jim MacArthur. Commissioner Marvin suggested that the Port do our own inspection in spring with the previous year inspection report as a guideline. KOA cabins were discussed. The Blue Mountain RC&D information regarding the handicapped fishing pad has been sent to the Port; Dickinson will submit all of the information to the CoE.

WATCO has contacted Dickinson about possible funding for rail infrastructure. The paperwork is in process and they will let Dickinson know when it is be available. The money would be used to fix the rail line between Walla Walla and Prescott.

Jim Stenkamp met with the two tenants last week to discuss the building design and what they need to operate. Dickinson and Phinney traveled to the Tri-Cities for a tour of the Pasco Specialty Kitchen and the Food Hub. Dickinson will meet with the Stenkamps next Tuesday to discuss building #1 and the landscaping plan. Dickinson stated that the BMS site looks good from the road but on closer inspection there are weeds coming up which will need to be sprayed again. An Economic Development Administration rep was here and toured the BMS site. The rep discussed the possibility of an EDA grant with Dickinson, stating that the \$750,000 could be used for match. A 3 page brief will be written and submitted; if approved we can apply.

Phinney reported that the fire suppression system at Walla Walla Farmers Co-op was leaking, Phinney contacted the installer of the suppression system to come fix it. Columbia County Public Transportation was having some door lock issues, so some locks were changed. Phinney sent a file of photos of the industrial park and sign ideas to a sign company in Walla Walla.

Dickinson told the commission that the Dayton Chamber of Commerce has a new director, Brad McMasters. The Walla Walla Regional Signage project is going very well. Dickinson went on a signage tour today with Dayton City officials and the signage company.

**Final Public Comment:** Tom Benzel spoke about Blue Mountain Station and what a great impact it will have on the community. He discussed the need for a grain mill, and a location for canning local goods.

The following vouchers were presented for approval of payment:

Payroll	\$	6902.06	James Stenkamp, Architect	\$	4876.41
WCIF	\$	687.83	Anderson Perry, Inc	\$	217.50
Banner Bank	\$	4680.32	Solid Waste Fund	\$	20.21
Cardmember Services	\$	175.21	Darrell Chapman	\$	32.37
Dept. of L & I	\$	197.27	Walla Walla Electric, Inc	\$	7768.80
Wash. State Dept. of Revenue	\$	4207.67	Walla Walla Web Weavers	\$	75.00
Col. Co. Treasurer	\$	59.93	Amber Phinney	\$	33.30
Pacific Power	\$	247.81	Jennifer Dickinson	\$	748.56
City of Dayton	\$	130.87	CenturyLink	\$	162.33
P'Chelle International	\$	3000.00	Dingle's	\$	69.75
Dayton Chronicle	\$	137.00	Total Office Concepts	\$	118.57
Stalzer & Associates	\$	1526.79			

The amount of vouchers approved for payment was \$36,075.56

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

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Dale McKinley, Secretary