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AGENDA

***Port of Kennewick
Regular Commission Business Meeting
Port of Kennewick Commission Chambers (or via GoToMeeting)
350 Clover Island Drive, Suite 200, Kennewick Washington***

July 12, 2022
2:00 p.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ROLL CALL**
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT** (*Please state your name for the public record*)
- VI. CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. Approval of Direct Deposit and ePayments Dated July 1, 2022
 - B. Approval of Warrant Register Dated July 12, 2022
 - C. Approval of Regular Commission Meeting Minutes June 28, 2022
 - D. CEO Goals Completed: COVID Economic Analysis and Laserfiche; Resolution 2022-18
- VII. PRESENTATION**
 - A. Conceptual Work Plan/Draft Budget 2023-2024 (**TIM**)
- VIII. REPORTS, COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - A. CTUIR Partnership Statement (**SKIP**)
 - B. Commission meetings (formal and informal meetings with groups or individuals)
 - C. Non-Scheduled Items
(**LISA/BRIDGETTE/TANA/NICK/LARRY/AMBER/ CAROLYN /TIM/KEN/TOM/SKIP**)
- IX. PUBLIC COMMENT** (*Please state your name for the public record*)
- X. ADJOURNMENT**

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PORT OF KENNEWICK REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

DRAFT

JUNE 28, 2022 MINUTES

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Commission President Skip Novakovich called the Regular Commission Meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. via GoToMeeting Teleconference.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ROLL CALL

The following were present:

Board Members: Skip Novakovich, President (via telephone)
Kenneth Hohenberg, Vice President (via telephone)
Thomas Moak, Secretary (via telephone)

Staff Members: Tim Arntzen, Chief Executive Officer (via telephone)
Tana Bader Inglima, Deputy Chief Executive Officer (via telephone)
Amber Hanchette, Director of Real Estate and Operations (via telephone)
Nick Kooiker, Chief Finance Officer (via telephone)
Larry Peterson, Director of Planning and Development (via telephone)
Lisa Schumacher, Special Projects Coordinator
Carolyn Lake, Port Counsel (via telephone)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Hohenberg led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Novakovich requested a moment of silence for Lloyd Carnahan, longtime councilman and former mayor of the City of Benton City.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Hohenberg moved to approve the Agenda as presented; Commissioner Moak seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously. All in favor 3:0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were made.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Direct Deposit and E-Payments Dated June 15, 2022

Direct Deposit and E-Payments totaling \$77,794.92

B. Approval of Warrant Register Dated June 28, 2022

Expense Fund Voucher Number 103914 through 103949 for a grand total of \$148,924.92

C. Approval of Regular Commission Meeting Minutes June 14, 2022

PORT OF KENNEWICK REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

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MOTION: *Commissioner Hohenberg moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended; Commissioner Moak seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously. All in favor 3:0.*

REPORTS, COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Kennewick Waterfront

1. Willows and Cable Greens

Ms. Hanchette outlined the property history of The Willows and Cable Greens developments and stated the Design Standards were adopted by the Commission in February 2022. Ms. Hanchette stated before the Commission is Resolution 2022-17 for the pricing strategy for The Willows and Cable Greens, which includes the additional 3% for public art.

Commissioner and staff discussion ensued regarding The Willows and Cable Greens developments.

MOTION: *Commissioner Hohenberg moved for approval of Resolution 2022-17, to include a pricing strategy for the Willows and Cable Greens properties; and hereby ratify and approve all action by port officers and employees in furtherance hereof; Commissioner Moak seconded.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments were made.

With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously. All in favor, 3:0.

B. Vista Field Development Building A

Ms. Hanchette stated Bruker AXS (Elemental) moved out of Vista Field Building A in May and the Port entered into a lease with McCoy Distributing for a portion of the building; however, approximately 25,000 square feet of the building is for lease. The Port received an application from a local business to lease the remaining space for a five-year lease. The business is growing rapidly and has expressed interest in leasing the building to expand their office operations. Staff is working on the due diligence and the applicant has been very forthcoming in providing any information in a timely manner. At this time there is no further action required by the Commission.

C. Executive Session – Potential Purchase

Ms. Lake gave a brief history of the 2017 Supreme Court decision which narrowed the allowable discussion of proposed real estate action in executive session. Before adjourning into Executive Session to consider a potential purchase of real estate, Ms. Lake outlined factors the Commission may want to consider to see how consistent the potential purchase is with adopted Port policies (*Exhibit A*).

Commissioner Novakovich inquired how long the Executive Session may last and if there will be action.

Mr. Arntzen believes 20 to 30 minutes with possible action.

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D. Commissioner Meetings (formal and informal meetings with groups or individuals)

Commissioners reported on their respective committee meetings.

E. Non-Scheduled Items

Ms. Bader Inglima and staff are working on the July 28th Columbia Gardens Celebration Event, which was postponed by the pandemic in 2020. We are ready to celebrate the completion of Columbia Gardens Wine and Artisan Village phase 2 and are welcoming Gordon Estate Winery, Muret-Gaston Wines, and the food truck plaza operators. Ms. Bader Inglima stated the Port will also be marketing the shovel ready sites for sale as well.

Mr. Arntzen reported that at the next meeting he will be presenting a conceptual discussion for the 2023-2024 Work Plan and Budget. Mr. Arntzen stated this will be the first of several discussions regarding the Work Plan and Budget.

Commissioner Hohenberg expressed his appreciation to Mr. Arntzen and staff for their patience over the past six months and thanked them for their work and what has been accomplished thus far.

Commissioner Novakovich stated the Port staff is amazing and thanked Commissioner Hohenberg for joining us and being a very valuable contributor to the Port.

Commissioner Novakovich stated Lloyd Carnahan was a kind gentleman who served his community and Benton City.

Commissioner Novakovich stated at the Vista Field Grand Opening Celebration we were handed a Congressional Record. Congressman Dan Newhouse recognized the Port's Vista Field Development investment during Session and Commissioner Novakovich requested that the document be included in the minutes (*Exhibit B*).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments were made.

Commissioner Novakovich anticipates the Executive Session will last approximately 30 minutes, Real Estate, Minimum Price per RCW 43.30.110(1)(b) with potential action. Commissioner Novakovich asked the public to notify Port staff if they will return after the executive session so staff can advise if the session concludes early.

RECESS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Novakovich recessed the Regular Commission Meeting at 2:44 p.m. for a 30 minute Executive Session. The Regular Meeting will reconvene, or the public will receive an update at 3:15 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Real Estate, Minimum Price per RCW 43.30.110(1)(b)

PORT OF KENNEWICK REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

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Commissioner Novakovich adjourned the Executive Session at 3:14 p.m. with no action.

Commissioner Novakovich reconvened the Regular Commission Meeting at 3:15 p.m.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

No comments were made.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to bring before the Board; the meeting was adjourned 3:15p.m.

APPROVED:

**PORT of KENNEWICK
BOARD of COMMISSIONERS**

Skip Novakovich, President

Kenneth Hohenberg, Vice President

Thomas Moak, Secretary

PORT OF KENNEWICK

RESOLUTION 2022-17

***A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE PORT OF KENNEWICK AUTHORIZING
PARCEL PRICING FOR WILLOWS AND CABLE GREENS***

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners received property appraisals through the Historic Waterfront District Market Study and Analysis report for parcels located in Willows and Cable Greens (Exhibit A); and

WHEREAS, the Commission has directed staff to add the 3% Art Policy fee to appraised valuations and sell parcels on a price per square foot basis inclusive of the Art Policy.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Port of Kennewick hereby approves and adopts parcel pricing for Willows at \$7.50 per square foot and Cable Greens at \$6.50 per square foot.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Port of Kennewick Board of Commissioners hereby ratifies and approves all action by port officers and employees in furtherance hereof; and authorizes the port Chief Executive Officer to take all action necessary in furtherance hereof.

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of the Port of Kennewick this 28th day of June 2022.

***PORT of KENNEWICK
BOARD of COMMISSIONERS***

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THOMAS MOAK, Secretary

RESOLUTION 2022-17
EXHIBIT A



**PORT OF KENNEWICK COMMISSION
INFORMATIONAL MEMO**

June 21, 2022

Subject: Executive Session – Potential Purchase: Factors to Consider Which May Affect the Price of Real Estate Under Consideration for Purchase Which Could Cause a Likelihood of Increased Price If Publicly Discussed

Presented by: Carolyn Lake, GLG, Legal Counsel
cc: Tim Arnzen, Port Chief Executive Officer

ISSUE

The Port is analyzing a proposal to purchase property. The Commission seeks to consider issues and factors regarding the potential purchase where public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price.

The Commission wishes to consider such factors in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(b), which allows an executive session to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price.

DISCUSSION

The Commission may consider in executive session factors and issues that may affect an acceptable price for the purchase of real estate in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(c).

Such issues and factors that the Commission might choose to consider include (but are not necessarily limited to) the following:

- Consistency with the Port's 2021-2022 Work Plan Resolution 2020-20, including the following elements of that Plan:
 - The Port's role as an economic development entity focused on redevelopment,
 - The Plan's Prospective Vision: Realize & support economic development opportunities with wine, culinary & tourism industry,
 - Commitment to Continue with Kennewick Waterfront District projects: Columbia Drive — Wine & Artisan Village and Clover Island, and
 - The acknowledged challenge with continued redevelopment of the Kennewick Historical Waterfront District where that area includes "blighted neighborhoods consisting of residential, low-income, commercial general and light industrial business-use properties".
- Consistency with the Port's Amended Comprehensive Scheme Update, Resolution 2017-19, Exhibit 3, including the following emphasis included within that Scheme:
 - Focus on urban revitalization and redevelopment, and waterfront urban revitalization activities on Clover Island and along Columbia Drive,

- Realize and support economic development opportunities with wine, culinary, and tourism industry,
 - Address the Columbia Drive area's development challenges, including aged development and inconsistent city development standards,
 - Pursuing redevelopment to support creation of an urban wine and artisan village within the historic Columbia Gardens and Willows neighborhoods,
 - Continuing Port work to purchase mobile homes and assisting tenants with relocation, and
 - Continuing Port improvement of its Columbia Drive properties by removing undesirable buildings.
- Consistency with Port's Capital Improvement Plan, including balancing Port purchase opportunities against available resources, including availability of staff and availability of financial resources.
 - The priority of the purchase and any resulting project based on cost estimate evaluation, cost/benefit analysis, and public demand and other, less easily quantified factors, including jurisdiction priorities, emerging needs and opportunities, supplemental funding for projects partially funded, and public input received.
 - The Property's proposed future use.
 - Potential synergy with existing and future redevelopment projects Colombia Drive and Colombia Gardens.
 - Future, potential employment opportunities.

FISCAL IMPACT

To be determined.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission consider the above related issues and factors as issues and factors regarding the potential purchase of the property under consideration where public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price.



Congressional Record

PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE 117th CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION

Vol. 168

WASHINGTON, THURSDAY, JUNE, 16, 2022

No. 103

House of Representatives

Madam Speaker,

I rise today to recognize an exciting addition to Central Washington that has been years in the making.

Vista Field, formally a municipal airport, is well on its way to becoming a vibrant and pedestrian-focused town center with neighborhoods and urban lifestyle amenities. The 103 acres of land will introduce 1,000 single-family homes, retail shops, restaurants, and entertainment to the growing community of Kennewick.

The Port of Kennewick is celebrating this new addition to the community by hosting a grand opening celebration, today, where community members can be the first to see the new public amenities, such as a commercial plaza, pedestrian bridges, fountains, and ponds.

Once completed, this new urban development is expected to bring in \$51 million in infrastructure investments in addition to over 3,000 jobs for our local community, contributing to a thriving local economy.

Vista Field is a perfect example of the innovative projects that are possible when local leadership and community collaboration are at the forefront, and I am excited to see this project take form and bring new opportunities for everyone in our community to enjoy.

Thank you, and I yield back...

PORT OF KENNEWICK

Resolution No. 2022-18

***A RESOLUTION OF THE PORT OF KENNEWICK
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FORMALIZING COMPLETION OF
GOALS #8 & #9 OF CEO'S 2021/22 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES***

WHEREAS, the Commission approved goals and objectives for the Port CEO, attached as Exhibit "A" and last modified on March 8, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Dr. Patrick Jones of Eastern Washington University presented the COVID Economic Analysis on March 22, 2022, thus completing Goal #8 of the CEO's 2021/22 Goals and Objectives; and

WHEREAS, the staff presented the final paperless contract routing procedures, digital signatures and records management process utilizing Laserfiche and DocuSign on April 12, 2022, thus completing Goal #9 of the CEO's 2021/22 Goals and Objectives; and

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to formally accept as complete Goals #8 and #9 of the CEO's 2021/22 Goals and Objectives related to these items.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of the Port of Kennewick hereby accepts as complete Goals #8 and #9 of the CEO's 2021/22 Goals and Objectives.

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of the Port of Kennewick this 12th day of July 2022.

***PORT of KENNEWICK
BOARD of COMMISSIONERS***

By: _____

SKIP NOVAKOVICH, *President*

By: _____

KENNETH HOHENBERG, *Vice President*

By: _____

THOMAS MOAK, *Secretary*

Exhibit "A"

EXHIBIT A		CEO 2021/22 Goals & Objectives (including update on 2019/20 ongoing goals)			
DATE:		July 12, 2022			
GOAL & OBJECTIVE		TACTICAL STEPS	ACTION	STATUS (checkmark = Completed)	COMMENTS
2019/2020 Goals and Objectives Carryover					
Vista Field	2019/20 GOAL	Sell one parcel or obtain one ground lease (does not include Arts Center Task Force).	Considered complete when presented to Commission.	25% complete	Unattainable until the Port has recorded lots to sell. This is scheduled for summer 2022.
	2				
2021/2022 Goals and Objectives					
Port Administration	2021/22 GOAL	Prepare "Back to Work" plan for Port staff in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic.	Considered complete when presented to Commission.	75% Complete	Working with Ann Allen to finalize back to work plan. Anticipate presenting to Commission in summer 2022.
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Vista Field	2021/22 GOAL	Develop a Vista Hangar analysis to include lean renovation options (with RCCF partnership funds) and viability/potential for selling on a ground lease.	Considered complete when presented to Commission.	50% Complete	In progress. Anticipate presenting to Commission in summer 2022.
	2				
Kennewick Waterfront	2021/22 GOAL	Implement the identified Duffy's Pond tenant-improvements and algae mitigation plan.	Considered complete when presented to Commission.	40% Complete	Standing bar installed on tasting room patios. Food truck plaza fencing was bid (pulled project due to escalating material costs whereby bidders wouldn't hold pricing with material cost tripling). City permits finalized for restroom. Working with Palencia regarding design of demonstration vineyard. All algae mitigation prep work required by Port is complete. Chemical application is dependent upon City schedule.
	5				
Districtwide	2021/22 GOAL	Prepare a report which evaluates maintenance facility needs and possible alternatives.	Considered complete when presented to Commission.	10% Complete	Contracted with Energy Northwest to provide project management services. Port team is hoping for summer 2022 presentation to Commission.
	7				
Districtwide	2021/22 GOAL	Prepare a COVID-19 economic-impact outlook analysis, which obtains professional data, advice, and other indicators regarding potential economic and business impacts to the Port.	Considered complete when presented to Commission.	100% Complete	By consensus Commission approved this as a goal on 9/8/2020. Presentation scheduled for March 22nd Commission meeting. Completed 3/22/22
	8				
Districtwide	2021/22 GOAL	Complete Laserfiche training and implementation of procedures related to documentation, filing, paperless review, digital signature, and internal document workflow processing.	Considered complete when presented to Commission.	100% Complete	Port team has been trained for processing and paying invoices with Laserfiche. Records management programming has been completed. Paperless review process established. Digital signature process is completed using DocuSign. Contract routing procedures nearly complete, and plan on presenting at March 22nd Commission meeting. Completed 4/12/22
	9				



Conceptual Work Plan/Draft Budget 2023- 2024

Start of Process ~ flying at
40,000-feet



“Generally speaking, remain on the course charted years ago which focuses nearly all energy on the *Vista Field* and *Kennewick Waterfront redevelopment* projects. The next two years will be spent managing and maintaining those projects to assure they get off the ground.”



CONCEPTUAL WORK PLAN/BUDGET

Initial Thoughts:

- Recognize the amount and magnitude of ongoing work
- Prioritize exemplary finishes to projects in progress
- Recognize projects of district-wide benefit
- Be Transparent, Thoughtful & Judicious in new project selection
- Acknowledge success dependent upon forgoing some projects

Process for Evaluating Future Investment Opportunities

Overview

Consistent with the Port Mission and Goals described above, including the referenced resolution (No. 2014-31) describing Port objectives for budget and financing goals for future Port projects, the Port Commission adopts the following additional policy as part of the 2016 Comprehensive Scheme update. The Port intends to use this process to identify, evaluate, prioritize, and implement its most important future capital projects. The Port Commission recognizes the numerous opportunities regularly proposed for Port consideration must be balanced against available resources, including availability of staff and availability of financial resources. The main components of the Port's Capital Project Prioritization Policy are:

- *Project Identification – Projects will be identified through various sources, including:*
 - The adopted Comprehensive Scheme of Harbor Improvements
 - The adopted biennial budget and work plans
 - Discussions with jurisdictional partners and staff, and the public

- *Project Evaluation* – With the assistance of staff, the Port Commission will prioritize projects based on cost estimate evaluation, cost/benefit analysis, and public demand and other, less easily quantified factors, including jurisdiction priorities, emerging needs and opportunities, supplemental funding for projects partially funded, and public input received.

Organizational Considerations

Review will be conducted to evaluate if the project is consistent with the Port's mission and priorities established in the Comprehensive Scheme and associated documents adopted by reference. Additional considerations would also include:

- Does the project meet an identified need?
- Does the project support Port, community, and/or private-sector economic development objectives?
- Does the project serve multiple user groups?
- Does the project foster or enhance a public/private or public/public partnership?

Fiscal Considerations

Fiscal considerations will also be reviewed as part of determining whether the Port will invest in future opportunities:

- What are the costs of the project, including initial costs, maintenance costs, and lifecycle costs?
 - How were costs calculated and by whom (finance director, Certified Public Accountant, Certified Financial Planner, economic planner, or others)?
- Does the Port have the financial and organizational capacity to undertake and manage the project?
- Can the project leverage public or private resources with other partners and funds to maximize benefits?
- Does the project have a positive ROI?
- Would the project increase the tax base, increase revenues to the Port, contribute to the vitality of the community, and help attract regional and national tourism?

Social/Environmental/Legal Considerations

Social, environmental, and legal considerations will also be reviewed:

- Is the community involved and supportive of this project?
- If the project is not implemented, will a strategic opportunity be lost?
- Is the project appropriate for the proposed site's natural systems, topography, and/or neighboring land uses?
- Are there potential adverse impacts associated with the project?
- Does the project comply with all federal, state, or local government laws or regulations?

Project Design, Planning, and Readiness

Design, planning, and project readiness considerations will also be reviewed:

- Does the site or project require extraordinary or unique purchase cost, architectural/engineering, or other efforts or commitments of financial or staffing resources?
- Is the project ready (e.g., design completed and permits in hand)?
- Is there a reasonably foreseeable user for the project (i.e. "bird in hand")?

Project Evaluation

Initial project screening shall begin with staff providing a brief description of each project. The Port Commission shall then review, evaluate, and rank each project based on the above criteria. High-priority projects shall be incorporated into the draft work plan.

PROPOSED WORK PLAN/BUDGET The Five Pillars

I. CURATE, IMPLEMENT, OPERATE

- a) Vista Field Loan Repayments
- b) Vista Field
- c) Wine Village
- d) Clover Island
- e) Owner's Associations (Vista Field & Columbia Gardens)

PROPOSED WORK PLAN/BUDGET The Five Pillars

II. STREAMLINED SUPPORT & SHARPENING FOCUS

- a) Richland -- \$ for Richland priority project (City designs, permits, bids & builds)
- b) West Richland -- \$ for West Richland priority project (City designs, permits, bids & builds)
- c) Auction ALL surplus land

PROPOSED WORK PLAN/BUDGET The Five Pillars

III. PREPARATION FOR NEXT PHASE IMPROVEMENTS (A/E Work)

- a) Vista Field Infrastructure, Phase II
- b) Vista Field Corporate Hangars Revitalization
- c) Clover Island Stage
- d) Port Maintenance Facility

PROPOSED WORK PLAN/BUDGET The Five Pillars

IV. FUND AND CONSTRUCT

- a) Vista Field Joint-Use Parking Areas (contractual requirement of land sale)
- b) Vista Field Corporate Hangars Revitalization (lean)
- c) Vista Field Landscaping (Deschutes Gateway & Daybreak Commons)
- d) Vista Field Infrastructure, Phase II (creating additional saleable lots) provided City of Kennewick funding partnership
- e) Clover Island Stage/Parking Lot (pending USACE approval and any required stabilization)

PROPOSED WORK PLAN/BUDGET The Five Pillars

V. POSSIBLE FUTURE FUNDING

- a) West Richland: Development Building/Amenities
- b) Kennewick: South of Southridge: Industrial Park
- c) Vista Field Parking Structure



CONCEPTUAL WORK PLAN/BUDGET

Proposed Budget:

• VF Hangars, Landscaping, Surface Parking	\$4,000,000 RCCF
• Vista Field Infrastructure, Phase II	\$2,000,000 CoK RCCF
• Richland	\$
• West Richland	\$
• Owners' Association(s) Seed Funding	\$
• Port Maintenance Facility	\$
• Clover Island Stage/Parking Lot	\$

Questions:

1. Will City of Kennewick fund Vista Field Infrastructure?
2. Can a stage be built without further east end shoreline work?

Confederated Tribes *of the* Umatilla Indian Reservation

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Statement from Chair Kat Brigham on partnership with Port of Kennewick

On behalf of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR), I'd like to applaud the work, coordination, and consultation the Port of Kennewick has extended to the CTUIR. We appreciate the strong working relationship we have with the Port of Kennewick (Port) and we recognize and respect the work the Port has done in preserving, protecting, and promoting the cultural and economic interests of its constituents and the CTUIR. This is important to our people.

As you know, the Port is located within the ceded, aboriginal and usual and accustomed lands of the *Weyiiletpuu* (Cayuse people), *Imatalamláma* (Umatilla people), and *Waliúlapam* (Walla Walla people) as recognized in our Treaty of 1855. Many tribal members from the CTUIR continue to work, reside, and exercise their reserved Treaty Rights in this area.

Next year, 2023, marks the 10th anniversary of our Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and we have many small and large successes to be proud of including *Wiyákuktpa* (The Gathering Place) and the Clover Island shoreline restoration project. While the Vista Field development advances, we want to continue to look for ways we can partner and seek ways in which we can contribute to its success. Lastly, in supporting the Port's long-term goals we want to ensure the lands we hold of cultural significance are protected of its resources and its history in pursuit of a stronger future for us all.

We look forward to continuing to work closely with the Port of Kennewick.