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Port Commission will host a virtual special meeting on March 31 at 4 PM for the purposes of the financing a note for \$3,110,000 for the matching funds for Rose Way and Centennial Industrial Park construction. The Port of Woodland received conditional recommended approval from the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration for a grant of \$3 million for the construction of the Rose Way Industrial park including the site infrastructure, roadway, and the first of six buildings. The conditions required the Port to finalize their matching funds.

The Port already received \$3 million in Washington State Community Economic Revitalization funding late last year and over \$600,000 in funding for the extension of Howard Way and improvements to Guild Road. This will allow for the Port to begin construction on Centennial later this summer, pending permits. Rose Way would begin final engineering for permits this year with construction phased by project starting in 2021.

“The financing of these matching funds from federal grants provides the Port an opportunity to construct our industrial park. We want to continue to move this and Centennial Industrial Park forward,” stated Commission President Bob Wile.

“We greatly appreciate the assistance from Representative Herrera-Beutler, Senator Murray and Senator Cantwell and their staff to support the Port of Woodland and these projects. In addition to the support we received from state Representative Orcutt, Representative DeBolt and Senator Braun with the CERB funding, we are moving forward on two industrial parks. This was very much a group effort to get there to create opportunities for companies to locate in Woodland,” stated Commission Secretary Paul Cline.

“These projects being constructed is exciting. We are meeting the needs of businesses to grow, create jobs, and invest in our community. This will support other local businesses from restaurants and hardware stores,” stated Commission Dale Boon.

The Port Commission will meet virtually due to the declaration that was enacted by Governor Jay Inslee and the Port Commission approved on March 24 by resolution.

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About the Port of Woodland- the Port was established in 1961 and has 425 acres of industrial and agricultural property. There are 18 companies and farms at the Port creating over 300 jobs. The Commission is committed to attracting and retaining family wage jobs, supporting the industrial development and providing recreational opportunities to the region.



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