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Port of Pasco Names Industrial Property – Reimann Industrial Center

Pasco, WA – On November 14, 2019, Port of Pasco Commissioners passed a resolution naming the Port's newly purchased 300-acre industrial site the "Reimann Industrial Center" in honor of former Port Commissioner Ron Reimann. The Reimann Industrial Center is located about a mile north of the existing Pasco Processing Center at the north end of Pasco.

"It was a natural fit to name the industrial property after Ron," stated Jean Ryckman, Port Commission President. "His entire life was dedicated to the Agriculture industry. He was a respected leader in the Ag community pioneering irrigation technology innovations, water resources management techniques, and most importantly helping shape public policy for the entire industry."

Commissioner Reimann, wife Rella and brother-in-law, Porky Thompson, established T&R Farms in Moses Lake in 1968 and relocated the operation to Franklin County in 1973. He dedicated his career to the advancement and betterment of the Ag industry and Franklin County, serving tirelessly on the Washington State Potato Commission, Columbia Snake River Irrigators Association, Benton Franklin Council of Governments Policy Advisory Committee and the Warden and Star school board.

In November 2011, Ron was elected to the Port of Pasco Commission and served honorably until his passing in July 2017. He was highly engaged in all aspects of the Port of Pasco from business development, to the expansion of the Tri-Cities Airport to building upon partnerships to create economic development opportunities within the district.

"We are grateful to the Reimann family to allow the Port to name this industrial park after Commissioner Reimann," stated Randy Hayden, the Port's Executive Director. "He was highly respected by staff and Commission and it is our honor to commemorate his legacy by creating new opportunities for ag industry growth in Franklin County."

The Port of Pasco plans to dedicate the Reimann Industrial Center at a community celebration and groundbreaking next spring.

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