



Port of Skagit

Joint Meeting of the Port of Skagit and Port of Anacortes
Tuesday, January 10, 2012 9:00 AM

MINUTES

PRESENT: POS Commission - Steve Omdal, Bill Shuler and Kevin Ware

POA Commission - Pat Mooney, Steve Short, Ray Niver and Keith Rubin. Commissioner Eberle was excused.

POS Staff - Patsy Martin, Scott Peterson, Kristin Garcia, Sara Young, Carl Molesworth, Heather Haslip, Bob Nord, Paul Mattos, Nancy Gardener, Debbie Hamilton and Port Attorney Brad Furlong

POA Staff - Bob Hyde, Chris Johnson, John Hachey, Dale Fowler, Carly Behan and Julie Johnson-Lindsey

Others - See Sign in Sheet

CALL TO ORDER

Bill Shuler and Pat Mooney called to order the January 10, 2012 joint meeting of the Port of Skagit and the Port of Anacortes.

Changes or additions to the agenda as follows:

ADMIN: Change of meeting time (2012) – Consider change in meeting time

CONSENT AGENDA – Port of Skagit

Public Communications
December 13, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes
Fiscal Report

COMMISSION ACTION: Commissioner Ware moved to adopt the consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Omdal. Motion carried unanimously.

OPEN FORUM

Commissioner Shuler opened the floor for public comment. Hearing none, the floor was closed.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Envision 2060 Recommendations – Presentation by Kirk Johnson, Skagit County

Mr. Kirk Johnson representing the Envision 2060 project for Skagit County thanked the Port of Skagit for the opportunity to address both commissions. He introduced committee members Peggy Flynn and Tim Rosenhan who were present to provide a summary on the project.

Mr. Johnson explained Envision Skagit 2060 was a citizen committee, funded by a 4-year planning and land use modeling grant via Skagit County, looking to achieve improved environmental outcomes. The committee met from September 2010 through June 2011, and consisted of 12 citizen volunteers who were selected from a larger pool of applicants by a committee of county commissions and city and town mayors. Mr. Johnson noted among their primary tasks was to listen to the community and determine what people value. The committee approached the project in three phases, including a study of industrial land and the industry job base.

In addition to meeting with local, regional, and national experts, the citizen committee hosted community meetings in Edison, Anacortes, La Connor, Concrete, Mount Vernon, Sedro-Woolley and Burlington. Envision Skagit 2060 held additional listening sessions with specific groups, including the agricultural community, Latino and Spanish-speaking community and youth from local schools. The committee also received comments through the project website and from presentations to a wide variety of service and interest groups. In total the committee heard from well over 400 residents.

Discussion

RECESS

Commissioner Ware called for a brief recess at 10:18 A.M.

RESUME

The Commissions resumed the joint meeting at 10:32 A.M.

Swinomish Channel Dredging Project

Patsy Martin provided a brief historical background and an update on the present need for dredging of the Swinomish Channel. She explained that funding for dredging of this public waterway came from a Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund with only a small portion set aside and available for shallow draft dredging. Pacific Northwest Waterways on the port's behalf has long advocated for federal dollars for dredging the Channel but with little funding, only a few projects qualify each year. The Channel silts in continually and needs dredging every three years.

Patsy Martin reported that local entities are now taking a regional approach. Port of Anacortes executive director Bob Hyde and Patsy are working with the Town of La Conner, Skagit County, the Swinomish and Upper Skagit Indian Tribes, Dunlap Towing and Shelter Bay to find a regional solution. The Port of Skagit has set aside \$400,000 for the first phase of maintenance dredging.

Discussion

ADMIN: Change of Commission Meeting Times Port of Skagit County (2012)

Patsy Martin reported the commission may need to consider changing the Commission's meeting time from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to accommodate Steve Omdal's schedule as he is employed full-time.

COMMISSION ACTION: Kevin Ware moved to adopt Resolution No. 12-01 to change the commission meeting time from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Steve Omdal seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Items of Mutual Interest -

Bob Hyde observed that the Port of Anacortes and the Port of Skagit's booths would be opposite each other at the Seattle Boat Show.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Kevin Ware reported that EDASC was promoting attendance at an Aerospace Show on March 12th in Seattle.

ADJOURNMENT – Port of Skagit

With no other business to consider, Steve Omdal moved to adjourn. Kevin Ware seconded the motion. Bill Shuler declared the Port of Skagit’s regular meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT – Port of Anacortes

With no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Short moved to adjourn, which was seconded by Commissioner Mooney. Commissioner Mooney called for the vote on the motion, which carried 4-0 with Commissioner Eberle excused, and at 11:12 a.m. the meeting was adjourned.

ADOPTED IN OPEN SESSION this 14th day of February, 2012 and duly authenticated by the signatures affixed hereto.

PORT OF SKAGIT COUNTY

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