



Port of Skagit

Joint Meeting of the Port of Skagit and Port of Anacortes
Tuesday, January 17, 2013 7:00 PM

MINUTES

PRESENT:

POS Commission - Commissioners Omdal and Shuler
Commissioner Ware was excused.

POA Commission - Commissioners Short, Eberle, Niver and Rubin.
Commissioner Mooney was in attendance via phone.

POS Staff - Patsy Martin, Scott Peterson, Kristin Garcia, Sara Young, Carl Molesworth, Heather Haslip, Chris Carlile and Debbie Hamilton

POA Staff - Executive Director Hyde, Deputy Executive Director Johnson, Marina Services Manager Fowler, Administration & Finance Services Manager Behan, Facilities Services Manager Dossen, Marketing, Advertising & Development Manager Timmerman, Marine & Aviation Services Manager Beaner, Information Technology Services Manager Esposito, and Executive Assistant Lindsey.

CALL TO ORDER

Bill Short and Steve Omdal called to order the January 17, 2013 joint meeting of the Port of Skagit and the Port of Anacortes.

INTRODUCTIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Commissioner Short opened the floor for public comment. Hearing no one, the floor was closed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Short noted there were no items on the consent agenda.

REGULAR AGENDA

INDIVIDUAL PORT REPORTS

Port of Anacortes –

Bob Hyde reported that the Port of Anacortes and the Port of Skagit work well together and that he and Patsy Martin meet monthly to review items of importance to both ports.

He provided the Port of Anacortes 2012 accomplishments and projects for 2013. He also reviewed 2012 Capital Projects and the Port's focus for 2013.

Port of Skagit –

Patsy Martin provided the Port of Skagit 2012 accomplishments and projects as well as the focus for 2013.

WORK/STUDY SESSION – Items of mutual interest to both Ports

Industrial Land Survey –

Patsy Martin reported that the Port of Skagit has been working on an Industrial Land Survey for a number of years along with consultant Walt Meagher who performed research. Items of consideration to include in the survey: wetland impacts, proximity to utilities, and the steepness of land slope. The Port of Skagit is partnering with the Port of Anacortes, EDASC, Skagit County and the Skagit Council of Governments (SCOG) to produce the survey.

Sara Young explained preliminary work indicated Skagit County has about half the industrial land needed over the next 50 years to maintain economic growth. The inventory will be living and trackable. The Port of Skagit is working with Skagit County GIS and Information Technology Services Manager Esposito as a technical team with EcoNorthwest consultants to complete the work.

Commissioner Shuler confirmed the survey will include Fidalgo Island and that it will be accessible to all, including potential developers and real estate agents. This survey aids in economic development.

Swinomish Channel Dredging –

Patsy Martin reported the Swinomish Channel has been dredged to -12' MLLW by the Army Corps of Engineers. Carl Molesworth also explained a post-dredge survey revealed that channel's silting would have been worse if the Port of Anacortes had not dredged a portion at the north end of the Channel when doing eel grass mitigation in Fidalgo Bay several years ago.

Discussion regarding future funding.

Joint Marina Passport Program –

Chris Carlile, La Conner Marina Office Supervisor and Dale Fowler, Marina Services Manager explained a proposed joint boaters' program. The program is designed to entice more visiting boaters to both the La Conner and Anacortes communities. Participants receive one free night of moorage at the marina of their choice with nine paid nights at either La Conner or Cap Sante. Participants must show receipts from both marinas. This program may prove to be good incentive for boaters to visit both marinas and build repeat business.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Question and answer period regarding the industrial land survey.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no additional communications.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Review of upcoming meetings for both the Port of Anacortes and the Port of Skagit.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Commissioner Short opened the public comment period. Hearing no one with a desire to address the commission, the public comment period was closed.

ADJOURNMENT – Port of Skagit

With no other business to consider, Steve Omdal moved to adjourn. Bill Shuler seconded the motion. Bill Shuler declared the Port of Skagit's regular meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT – Port of Anacortes

With no further business to come before either commission, Commissioner Niver moved to adjourn, which was seconded by Commissioner Eberle for the Port of Anacortes. Commission Short called for a vote on the motion, which carried unanimously. The joint meeting of the Port of Skagit and Port of Anacortes adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

ADOPTED IN OPEN SESSION this 12th day of February, 2013 and duly authenticated by the signatures affixed hereto.

PORT OF SKAGIT COUNTY

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