



# Port of Skagit

Work Session of the Port Commission

Tuesday, February 15, 2011 9:00 AM

## MINUTES

PRESENT: Commission - Jerry Kaufman, Bill Shuler and Kevin Ware

Staff - Patsy Martin, Scott Peterson, Kristin Garcia, Sara Young, Carl Molesworth, Heather Moses, Bob Nord, Paul Mattos, Nancy Gardner and Debbie Hamilton

Others - See Sign-in Sheet

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**COMMISSION ACTION: The commission unanimously approved the Tuesday, January 18, 2011 Work Session Minutes of the Port Commission.**

## Changes or additions to the agenda as follows:

No changes or additions.

## Issue 1: ADMIN: Economic Development Plan (2011) - Presentation

Patsy Martin opened the presentation with an introduction to the Economic Development Plan team members; Patsy Martin, Scott Peterson, Kristin Garcia, Carl Molesworth, Wayne Carpenter and Walt Meagher.

She reported that the presentation outlines the long-term economic challenges facing Skagit County and a likely scenario for placing the Port of Skagit in the forefront of the effort to meet that challenge. Substantial population growth will place major burdens on the local community to provide quality-of-life services such as health care, education, infrastructure, law enforcement etc. while also protecting the natural assets we currently enjoy. The key to accommodating this growth will be to provide sufficient community wage jobs so that people can afford to contribute to society here, rather than being a drain on our resources. Port staff believes the port has a central role.

The Economic Development team provided a PowerPoint presentation which included:

- Skagit Valley History
- Port History
- The Port Today
- The Coming Year (2011)

- What is Our Future? Skagit Valley in 50 years.
- A Strategy for the Future
- What the Port is Doing Now

The Port of Skagit is looking beyond the boundaries of its own properties in an effort to deliver on its promise of excellence in public service and leadership in the community. If the population is to double in 50 years, the valley needs double the jobs, if not more. As a public entity with unique powers and a clear mission to create jobs, the Port of Skagit has an obligation to help the Skagit Valley prepare for its future.

Discussion regarding the following:

- Industrial land opportunities
- Purchase of land as it becomes available
- Refine lease policies to encourage new businesses and future development
- Long-term financial planning, industrial bonds and awareness of maximum bonding capabilities
- Development of marketing plans for port properties
- Community economic summit

**ADJOURNMENT**

The commission adjourned the work session meeting at 10:47 a.m.

ADOPTED IN OPEN SESSION this 19th day of April, 2011 and duly authenticated by the signatures affixed hereto.

**PORT OF SKAGIT COUNTY**

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