

PORT OF SKAGIT COUNTY

Work Session of the Port Commission

Tuesday, February 5, 2008 9:00 AM

MINUTES

PRESENT:	Commission -	Glenn Allen, Jerry Kaufman Kevin Ware was absent
	Staff -	Patsy Martin, Scott Peterson, Kristin Garcia, Sara Young, Karmen Hardy, Paul Stannert, Brad Furlong and Debbie Hamilton
	Others -	No public in attendance

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

COMMISSION ACTION: The commission unanimously approved the minutes of the December 4, 2007 Work Session and the January 22, 2008 Special Meeting with the Port of Anacortes and Port of Skagit County. (January Work Session was cancelled – no minutes)

Changes or additions to the agenda as follows:

No additions or changes. No need for executive session.

Issue 1: ADMIN: Port of Skagit County/Port of Anacortes Special Meeting – Discuss Meeting Outcome

Patsy Martin reported that the Port of Anacortes and the Port of Skagit County had their first joint commission meeting on January 22, 2008.

They met to discuss two items:

1. Island of Port of Anacortes district property in the middle of Port of Skagit County district
2. Areas of mutual cooperation

Staff felt the experience was a positive one. The commission believes it would be beneficial to have another meeting pertaining to new issues that may arise and is open to another meeting of this type.

Staff also reviewed the draft letter that staff has written in response to the desires of the two commissions. The letter describes the island of property, reviews current Washington State law, defines future growth projections, lists capital projects and provides levy rate information. The commission reviewed the draft and would like staff to proceed. Staff will send the draft letter to the Port of Anacortes for their review and input prior to sending it out to the property owners.

Issue 2: ADMIN: Targeted Community Partnership Program, Skagit River Bald Eagle Awareness Team – Review T.V. Commercial

Patsy Martin reported that the Skagit River Bald Eagle Awareness Team (S.R.BEAT) provided a DVD of the commercial that was developed to advertise the Skagit River Bald Eagle Festival held January 26 & 27, 2008. Commission and staff watched the advertisement in which the Port of Skagit County is listed as a sponsor. The commercial aired January 20 – 26, 2008 and the committee worked with Comcast to find the best times and channels. The spot was not on satellite as they originally directed. S.R. BEAT will join the commission at the February 19, 2008 commission meeting to give an event report.

Issue 3: MARINA: Seattle Boat Show (2008) – Review Show DVD

Staff provided a brief event report. Four moorage spaces have been filled to-date as a direct result of the boat show. There are several more leads awaiting the completion of paper work. Staff believes there will be an increase in guest dock use as well.

Staff reported it worked well to include the La Conner Chamber of Commerce to promote both the Town of La Conner and the Marina. Many attendees were not aware that the Marina was in the Town of La Conner. Staff is in agreement that there could be future development with Town of La Conner businesses (i.e. coupons, flyers) distributed on a regular basis as well as at the Seattle Boat Show.

It was a consensus that this event was well worth the cost and time to promote the La Conner Marina.

Issue 4: PUG AGEN: Skagit County; Alternative Futures Grant Proposal

Patsy Martin reported that the Port of Skagit County as well as several other public entities was approached to consider a Skagit County Alternative Futures Study. This proposal would develop a long-term (50 year), integrated plan with stakeholder support to address the needs of agriculture, growth, and ecosystem conservation in the Skagit/Samish River watershed (Water Resource Inventory Areas 3 and 4), working through a three phase process. There is a \$625,000 grant proposal being developed on behalf of Skagit County. The proposal is due to EPA by the end of this month.

The commission desires to take a watch and wait approach to this proposal at this time.

Issue 5: TENANT: Marina; Pacific Mariner; lease dated 10/1/96 – Fire Status Update

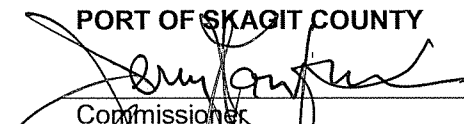
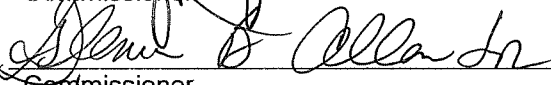
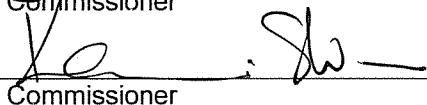
Patsy Martin reported that since the fire in Pacific Mariner's lamination building on January 17, 2008 staff has been communicating with them to find out ways to assist them. Currently, they are trying to keep all of their staff employed and have been successful to date. Pacific Marina is investigating its options for storage of their boat molds on port property and staff is accessing it properties to determine if there is a location that is available for temporary storage.

The commission reviewed a news clip, which covered the January 17, 2008 fire, from KOMO 4 News.

ADJOURNMENT

The commission adjourned the regular meeting at 9:47 a.m.

ADOPTED IN OPEN SESSION this 5th day of February 2008 and duly authenticated by the signatures affixed hereto.

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