



Port of Skagit

Special Meeting of the Port Commission
May 29, 2020 – 2:00 p.m.
Teleconference Meeting

MINUTES

PRESENT: Commission - Steve Omdal (onsite), Kevin Ware (via phone) and Bill Shuler (via phone)

Staff - Patsy Martin, Greg Thramer, Debbie Hamilton, and Linda Tyler

Other - No others present – no community call ins

CALL TO ORDER

Steve Omdal called to order the May 29, 2020 special meeting of the port commission.

The purpose of the special meeting is to:

- 1. ADMIN: COVID-19; Extend and amend Executive Director’s Emergency Declaration and Policies; Declare Port Employees Essential (2020); Adopt Accommodation Form – Adopt Resolution**
- 2. SWIFT: SWIFT Center Construction Project; EDA Grant Application (2020) – Adopt Resolution**

ADMIN: COVID-19 (2020) Emergency Response – Adopt Resolution

Patsy Martin reported the impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic crisis on the Port, our employees, and our tenants have been profound. She asked the commission to approve extension and modification of the Port’s initial response to this extraordinary crisis.

Discussion.

COMMISSION ACTION: Commissioner Ware moved to adopt Resolution 20-19 which will extend and modify Executive Director’s COVID-19 Emergency Declaration of Closure Policy and authorize staff to take any and all steps necessary to carry out the above actions. Commissioner Shuler seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

SWIFT: SWIFT Center Construction Project; EDA Grant Application (2020) – Adopt Resolution

Patsy Martin reported that the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) has published a Notice of Funding Opportunity for EDA’s Corona Virus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) Recovery Assistance Program. Through this opportunity the EDA will provide funding to support construction, non-construction, and planning projects, among others.

This program presents an opportunity for the Port to seek EDA funding for construction and renovation at the SWIFT Center. This project will develop critical manufacturing and incubator infrastructure for innovative entrepreneurial businesses that will create jobs supporting economic recovery, diversify Skagit County's economy, foster economic resiliency, and elevate family incomes in Skagit County and the surrounding region.

Discussion.


COMMISSION ACTION: Commissioner Ware moved to adopt Resolution 20-20 which will authorize application for and if awarded, acceptance of a U.S. Economic Development Administration Economic Development Assistance Program and Cares Act Funding Grant of up to \$8,000,000 for construction at the SWIFT Center and authorize Executive Director and staff to take any and all necessary steps to carry out the intent of this action. Commissioner Shuler seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT


The special commission meeting ended at 2:05 p.m.

ADOPTED IN OPEN SESSION this 9th day of June 2020 and duly authenticated by the signatures affixed hereto.

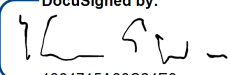
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