



Port of Skagit

Joint Meeting of Skagit County, City of Sedro Woolley and Port of Skagit

Thursday, August 10, 2017 – 10:30 AM

Skagit County Commissioners Hearing Room
1800 Continental Place, Suite 100, Mount Vernon, WA

MINUTES

PRESENT: Brent Sandström-City of Sedro-Woolley, Judith Dunn Lee-City of Sedro-Woolley, Julia Johnson-City of Sedro-Woolley, Steve Omdal-Port of Skagit Commissioner, Bill Shuler-Port of Skagit Commissioner, Kevin Ware-Port of Skagit Commissioner, Ron Wesen-Skagit County Commissioner, Ken Dahlstedt-Skagit County Commissioner, Keith Wagoner-City of Sedro-Woolley Mayor, Chuck Owen-City of Sedro-Woolley, Brenda Kinzer-City of Sedro-Woolley, Germaine Kornegay-City of Sedro-Woolley, Peter Janicki-Janicki Bioenergy, Susan Janicki-Janicki Bioenergy, Chris Liu-State of Washington Department of Enterprise Services, Patsy Martin-Port of Skagit Executive Director, Heather Rogerson-Port of Skagit Planning and Environmental Manager, Eron Berg-City of Sedro-Woolley City Supervisor/Attorney, Tim Holloran-Skagit County Administrator and Mark Freiburger-City of Sedro-Woolley

CALL TO ORDER

Representing Skagit County, Commissioner Ron Wesen called the August 10, 2017 Joint Meeting to order.

Representing Sedro-Woolley, Mayor Keith Wagoner called the August 10, 2017 Joint Meeting to order.

Representing Port of Skagit, Commissioner Steve Omdal called the August 10, 2017 Joint Meeting to order.

FLAG SALUTE

INTRODUCTIONS

1. UPDATES: Sedro-Woolley Innovation for Tomorrow (SWIFT) Center

Patsy Martin, Executive Director for the Port of Skagit reported that Skagit County, City of Sedro-Woolley, State of Washington Department of Enterprise Services and the Port of Skagit continue to work collaboratively to find a way to recreate the former Northern State Hospital, now known as the SWIFT Center. She thanked everyone for pulling together to make this transition a successful one.

Mark Freiberger, Director of Public Works for Sedro-Woolley reported that his team is supporting the partnership in transportation to assure infrastructure is in place to support the future development of the SWIFT Center. He reviewed Fruitdale Road Arterial Improvement Project. Design work is complete and they are working on funding for the construction phase of the project. He anticipates permitting to be complete by August 18, 2017. A grant application will be submitted to the Transportation Improvement Board by August 18, 2017 for construction funding. If funding is awarded, the project is anticipated to be out to bid in January, with work to run from June to September 2018.

Tim Holloran, Administrator for Skagit County reported on the status of behavioral health transition planning. He expressed thanks to the State of Washington and emphasized what a remarkable partnership has come together to work on the Northern State/SWIFT Center project.

He stated that Washington State leaders understand that funding is needed to address behavioral health care in this state. The Washington State capital budget, while not yet passed, includes funds for facilities in Snohomish County and Whatcom County. Skagit County needs to determine a facility site to compete for funding.

Peter Janicki, Janicki Bioenergy provided a PowerPoint presentation on Janicki Bioenergy's project updates and schedule. He discussed upgrades to the Omni Processor and new developments in water treatment. He reported that they now have 50 full-time employees and look to possibly double that in the next year.

2. Accept the Governor's Smart Communities Award from the Department of Commerce

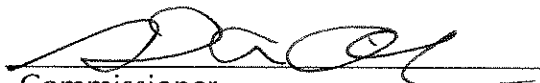
Valerie Smith, Senior Planner, Growth Management Services for Department of Commerce presented the Smart Communities Smart Choices Award from Governor Jay Inslee's office for implementation of a comprehensive plan: the SWIFT Center Subarea Plan and Environmental Impact Statement.

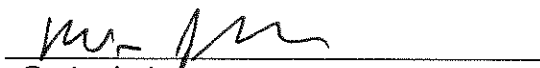
ADJOURNMENT


The meeting ended at 11:25 p.m.

ADOPTED IN OPEN SESSION this 12th day of September, 2017 and duly authenticated by the signatures affixed hereto.

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