



Port of Skagit

**Joint Meeting of the Port of Skagit and Public Utility District No. 1
of Skagit County**

Tuesday, December 4, 2017; 3:00 PM

Hearing Room, 15400 Airport Drive, Burlington, WA

MINUTES

PRESENT:

POS Commission -	Commissioners Ware, Omdal and Shuler
PUD Commission -	Commissioners Berg, Littlefield and Robinson
POS Staff -	Patsy Martin, Scott Peterson, Sara Young, Greg Thramer, Heather Rogerson, Andrew Entrikin, Karmen Hardy and Brad Furlong
PUD Staff -	George Sidhu, Gary Chrysler, Sally Saxton, Doug Streeter and Pete Gilbert

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Robinson called to order the December 4, 2017 special joint work session of the Public Utility District No. 1 of Skagit County (PUD). Commissioner Omdal called to order the December 4, 2017 special joint work session of the Port of Skagit.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INTRODUCTIONS

The commissions introduced themselves as well as executive directors Martin and Sidhu and staff members in attendance.

OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED FIBER OPTIC NETWORK

Executive Director Martin reported the Port and the Public Utility District No. 1 of Skagit County (PUD), along with other entities have participated in the development of a county-wide dark fiber network strategic plan that calls for the construction of an open access fiber optic backbone running throughout the county that will provide the essential telecommunications infrastructure and connection to the internet necessary to support provision of affordable high speed internet to residents and businesses in the county.

Sara Young reported on the need to build a fiber optic backbone with dark fiber which would be managed such that fiber optic capacity would be leased on a wholesale basis to telecom providers. The objective is to develop a successful framework for the provision of fiber optic infrastructure in Skagit County, such that public investments are managed effectively for the benefit of the community, with a focus on improving service to rural areas that currently lack adequate access to reliable, affordable, high speed internet. There was discussion regarding challenges, proposed business model, proposed network architecture, telecom provider needs, and working cooperatively amongst the entities.

OPERATING AGREEMENT DISCUSSION

CONCLUSIONS AND NEXT STEPS

[Patsy]

ADJOURNMENT – PUD

With no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Robinson moved to adjourn, which was seconded by Commissioner Littlefield.

ADJOURNMENT – Port of Skagit

With no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Omdal called for a motion for adjournment. Commissioner Shuler moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Ware. Commissioner Omdal called for a vote on the motion, which carried unanimously.

The joint meeting of the Port of Skagit and Public Utility District No. 1 of Skagit County adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

ADOPTED IN OPEN SESSION this _____ day of _____, 2018 and duly authenticated by the signatures affixed hereto.

PORT OF SKAGIT COUNTY

Commissioner

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