



Port of Skagit

**Joint Special Meeting of the Port Commission, Skagit County Board of Commissioners
and City of Sedro-Woolley City Council
Skagit County Commissioners' Hearing Room
1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, WA
Thursday, September 10, 2015 – 10:00 AM**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Bill Shuler of the Port of Skagit called the proceedings to order at 10:00 a.m.

Mayor Mike Anderson of the City of Sedro-Woolley called the City of Sedro-Woolley council board to order at 10:01 a.m.

Commissioner Kenneth A. Dahlstedt called the board of Skagit County Commissioners to order at 10:02 a.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Skagit County: Chair Ron Wesen, and Commissioner Kenneth A. Dahlstedt

Port of Skagit: Commissioner Steve Omdal, Commissioner Kevin Ware and Commissioner Bill Shuler

City of Sedro-Woolley: Mayor Mike Anderson; Council members: Germaine Kornegay, Keith Wagoner, Kevin Loy, Hugh Galbraith and Brett Sandstrom

Other attendees present: City of Sedro-Woolley City Supervisor/Attorney Eron Berg, Skagit County Administrator Tim Holloran; Port of Skagit Executive Director Patsy Martin, and Port of Skagit Planning and Environmental Project Administrator Heather Haslip

REVIEW OF AGENDA

Patsy Martin reviewed the agenda.

2. Presentation: Peter Janicki; Janicki Bioenergy and potential siting of Janicki Bioenergy Technology Center and manufacturing facility at Northern State.

Peter Janicki provided an update on the placement of the Omni Processor which is fully operational in east Africa, reviewed other technology product advancements and discussed number of employees employed by Janicki Bioenergy, Janicki Enterprises and manufacturing combined.

3. Presentation: Patsy Martin; Overview of proposal to Department of Enterprise Services for transition of the Northern State property to local control.

Patsy Martin provided an overview of the Northern State Property Proposal submitted to the Washington State Department of Enterprise Services on July 21, 2015. The proposal outlines a four (4) phase transition of the Northern State property from state control to local control over time:

1. Southern Influence Area
2. Central Core
3. Northern Influence Area
4. Peripheral Open Space

Patsy Martin discussed the preservation margin (renovation costs) and next steps.

4. Presentation: Tim Holloran and Deena Vandersloot; Update on behavioral health strategic planning process.

Tim Holloran reported that Skagit County stepped forward to take the lead in addressing options for existing Behavioral Health entities presently located on the Northern State campus. He introduced Denna Vandersloot, M.Ed who was hired to come up with recovery models. Denna provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining a timeline for transitioning Behavioral Services from North Cascades Gateway Center and identifying desired outcomes.

5. Presentation: Patsy Martin; Placeholder name for the Northern State property as agreed on by the Port of Skagit, City of Sedro-Woolley and Skagit County.

Patsy Martin reported that the committee to consider a name for the project proposed a placeholder name. Historically, it has been called the Northern State Hospital Site. The state has been calling it the North Cascades Gateway Center. The committee wanted something reflective of the vision for this site. The proposed placeholder name is The Center for Innovation and Technology in the Pacific Northwest – “The Center” for short, knowing there will be a permanent name in the future.

Discussion – the partners indicated appreciation that the committee has only determined a placeholder name and offered considerations as a permanent name is determined.

Peter Janicki encouraged the participating partners send input to Patsy Martin for the committee’s consideration as the project progresses and the committee meets to determine a permanent name.

6. Hear public comment regarding the proposal and the Northern State Property

Commissioner Dahlstedt opened the floor for public comment.

1. Mr. Michael Crawford of Anacortes complimented the partners on a great job and stated he has never seen anything brighter. He believes this project is an absolute necessity.
2. Ms. Dee Wilkins of a community advocacy group for families of addiction was present to address fears that she has heard from community families. She stated she will go back to them and express that their concerns are unwarranted and the behavioral health issues are being considered and handled well.

ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting ended at 11:34 am.

ADOPTED IN OPEN SESSION this 13th day of October, 2015 and duly authenticated by the signatures affixed hereto.

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