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Meet Commissioner Allen

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*"Jobs for our
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Commissioner Glenn Allen, Jr. was elected to the Port of Skagit County in January of 1998 and is currently serving his second term which will continue through 2009. He lives in Port District 3. When Commission Allen was elected his platform was "a fresh vision" and he was hoping to assist in the business functioning of the Port.

His first impression of the port, as a new commissioner, was an "astonishment of the many functions and responsibilities the port has managing the Skagit Regional Airport, La Conner Marina and the Bayview Business and Industrial park as well as contributing as a major economic engine in Skagit Valley."



Today he believes the port is on a "good course" with a priority to see the completion of construction of a new marina related building at the La Conner Marina, two new t-hangars at Skagit Regional Airport and a new industrial building at the Bayview Business and Industrial Park. The new construction will allow for growth of existing and future tenants. "We are always looking for ways to improve our services to our tenants and community." Commissioner Allen praises a very responsive and professional staff, who are not static but progressive and looking to the future.

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Future challenges and opportunities he sees for the port are long-term maintenance of properties, keeping first class facilities, and encouragement of new business.

Commissioner Allen applauds the many organizations within the community that utilize the airport, port trails and marina for fundraising and annual events. Each event showcases the beautiful assets managed by the port for the Skagit Valley area.

When asked to describe the Port of Skagit County, Commissioner Allen stated, "The port of Skagit County is a living, moving organism which is evolving and pressing forward to facilitate opportunities for economic vitality in Skagit County. The commission is accomplishing what they are charged with in creating *Jobs for Our Community*."



Nestled amid the walking trails of the Port of Skagit County sits the Hexcel Burlington industrial facility. Hexcel Corporation is a leading advanced composites company with facilities in the US, Europe, and Asia. They develop, manufacture, and market lightweight, high-performance composites, including carbon fiber, reinforcements, prepregs, honeycomb, matrix systems, adhesives, and composite structures for use in the commercial aerospace, space and defense and industrial applications. The Burlington facility specializes in shaping, machining and forming structural honeycomb products. Hexcel Corporation thrives on its diverse customer base and has the unique ability to say that the first thing to touch the moon was a piece of Hexcel special energy absorbing honeycomb!



Hexcel Burlington Engineered Core plant was established in 1990, with Boeing as its sole customer. Since then, new core capabilities have been added, customers have continued to increase and today the plant has a total manufacturing and warehouse space of 86,500 sq. ft. The Burlington plant has grown significantly in the last year or two, increasing its employee base by approximately 25% to 135 employees, with the majority of employees in the production area. Hexcel Burlington is fortunate to have a strong workforce devoted to a team approach for making the operation a success.



On February 29, 2008 the Port of Skagit County offered a Stormwater Workshop covering

topics like industrial permit requirements, best management practices for business and industry and staff training. Stormwater regulations are changing rapidly and the port is working to keep port businesses informed of these changes.

We would like to thank the many companies who were able to join us for this great workshop!

You know where we are. Do you know what we do? How does the port benefit Skagit Valley?

These questions and many more will be answered in this series.

“Answering Your Questions”



Port of Skagit Tenant Highlight

Answering Your Questions

What is a port?

A port is a governmental municipality, similar to a city or county, whose purpose is to promote economic development. The Legislature has given ports broad authority to build and operate airports, marina terminals, marinas, railroads and industrial parks. Recent legislation also gives ports the authority to develop tourism facilities.

How is a port created?

The Port of Skagit County was established by a vote of the people on November 17, 1964. At the polls that day, voters also elected commissioners George Dynes (District 1), Chris Knudson (District 2), and Norman Ovenell (District 3) to represent their interests.

To create a port, ten percent of the registered voters residing in the proposed port district must sign a petition which is filed with the county auditor. The petition must describe the boundaries of the port district and establish how many commissioners will govern the port. It also must designate a name for the port.

The county auditor then certifies the signatures, and if there are enough, a public hearing is held. After the public hearing, the county submits a ballot of proposition authorizing the creation of the port district to voters at a special election.

The port district is established if a majority of voters approve the proposition.

You will find information for this article in the Revised Code of Washington (RCW). The complete RCW may be accessed at:

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW>

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