

**Port of Skamania County
Board of Commissioners
Regular First Monthly Meeting
June 11, 2002**

Call to Order: Commissioner Brian Adams called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Attendance: Commissioner Judy Teitzel, Commissioner Brian Adams, Commissioner Doug McKenzie, Executive Director Anita Gahimer, Port Attorney Ken Woodrich, Facilities Specialist Keith Chamberlain, Business and Project Development Manager John McSherry, Port Auditor Jan Fancher and Administrative Assistant Deana Midland. Mike Garvison, Skamania County Auditor, Angus Ruck, Keith Liggett and Gary Daubenspeck attended during the first portion of the business meeting.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Judy Teitzel made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2002 meeting. Commissioner Brian Adams stepped down and seconded the motion. The motion passed. Commissioner McKenzie abstained, as he was absent from the May 28th meeting.

Public Comment: Angus Ruck, owner and operator of the Columbia Gorge Riverside Lodge is here to request the Port look into providing shore power to the ships that dock at Stevenson Landing. He had talked to Anita about two and a half months ago and would like to follow up on what has happened since then. He feels the ships are so loud during the night that it affects the public as a whole, and the environment. He feels the Waterfront is very loud just in its every day use and maintenance. Angus would like some sort of time line for responding to his request. The Commissioners asked Anita to have something for them by the first meeting in July. Angus has made the payment for his easement across Port property for the period of time he has owned the lodge.

Anita reported Keith has gathered information for an estimate and he has spoken with the Chief Engineer on the ship to see if shore power is something they would use. Our contact so far tells us the ships do not turn off their engines until they're down on their one-month-off per year for maintenance.

Keith Liggett, local citizen and Columbia Gorge Racing Association Board member, handed out a packet to the Commissioners on sail boat racing. Anita passed out a letter from Joe Schlick supportive of sailing events here at Stevenson. Keith reported on the sailing regatta and how Cascade Locks was maxed out with 45-50 boats. There will be 100 to 150 boats at Sail Fest last August. The Fin people would like to work with John and Anita on a locked storage space on the Stevenson waterfront. A facility here would definitely benefit the local businesses. Events in Cascade Locks already bring some benefit, as Joe points out in his letter. Keith continued to explain to the Commissioners what the packet consisted of for their review and consideration.

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Vouchers: Commissioner Judy Teitzel made a motion to approve Pre-Issued General Fund Vouchers Numbered 13490 through 13495, in the amount of \$7,804.22. Commissioner Doug McKenzie seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Commissioner Doug McKenzie made a motion to approve General Fund Vouchers Numbered 13496 through 13539 in the amount of \$ 23,618.32. Commissioner Judy Teitzel seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Commissioner Brian Adams requested Jan provide an update on the financial matters project list so we would have an idea of the costs for her services for the remainder of the year.

Anita presented Resolution 03-2002 for the commissioner's approval, along with a memo of certification of certain property excess to Port District needs for the Commissioners approval. Commissioner Doug McKenzie wanted an update on the status of Port surplus property to verify whether any items of importance/worth were retained. Anita assured him the Resolution was only good for one year. Commissioner Doug McKenzie asked Attorney Ken Woodrich to review the RCW. Commissioner Judy Teitzel made a motion to pass Resolution 03-2002 authorizing the Executive Director to Sell and Convey Port District Property. Commissioner Doug McKenzie seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Anita handed out a Resolution that has been presented throughout the Columbia River Gorge for entities to sign in support of the Gorge Teleconsortium group. Anita toned down the wording of the original Resolution to represent a little more like what our Port would want to support. Commissioner Judy Teitzel asked if they had a list of people on the committee. Commissioner Brian Adams spent a bit of time explaining what it was all about. Skamania County Auditor Mike Garvison asked if there was a financial obligation to support this group. Anita let him know that there were no dues to pay with this group.

A member of the public, Gary Daubenspeck, attended the meeting late as a member of the public and an employee of SawNet.

Commissioner Brian Adams wanted to step down prior to any discussions on fiber and Commissioner Judy Teitzel asked him to stay as there would be not action taking place regarding Fiber. Commissioner Judy Teitzel asked Ken if there would be a conflict of interest for the Port if they were to enter into any kind of partnership with SawNet. Commissioner Judy Teitzel feels she was not dealt with honestly when it pertains to Fiber and the dealings with SawNet, and she feels that if we are going to go into a Private Public Partnership, we need to find out how the City dealt with the Lodge in that partnership.

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Commissioner Brian Adams stepped down delegating Commissioner Judy Teitzel as acting Chair during his absence from any further fiber discussion. Commissioner Adams left the room.

Commissioner Doug McKenzie made a comment about alterations to the Agenda; he would like to be informed of changes several days in advance of the Commissioners meetings for appropriate preparation. Anita said members of the EDC told her in a meeting yesterday they would be here at 5:00 pm as they could not attend at 4 pm. Anita is not sure how the Commissioners feel about the Port's Fiber Project and wanted the opportunity to talk about the project. Commissioner Judy Teitzel was not able to read the proposal letter from SawNet in advance and she feels the Commissioners were not dealt with honestly. Anita told Commissioner Teitzel there were no discussions with Brian prior to the receipt of the letter which she sent in their packet for discussion today. Anita said she contacted Ken after reading Brian's letter to see if Ken agreed with her interpretation of the statutes regarding a conflict of interest in this situation so she could provide adequate information at the meeting today. Anita said Brian came in to her office last week and she suggested he, as a Port Commissioner, talk to Ken Regarding conflicts of interest. Commissioner Judy Teitzel would like a full cost spreadsheet of what it will cost the Port to be involved in fiber, to include installation and maintenance, and any other expenses. She would also like to know about the City's partnership with the Lodge. Ken would like a chance to tell the Commissioners about the conflict of interest. Anita went on to explain what it is Brian is offering in his letter. Commissioner Judy Teitzel feels that with Brian on the board and involved in the Fiber project, it has put the whole project in jeopardy. Commissioner Doug McKenzie voiced his agreement. John has felt that it would not be a conflict of interest. Commissioner McKenzie wanted John to draw a map on the board so they could visualize the proposed Stevenson fiber route. John said that it would be more beneficial to the Port to string their own fiber. John informed Commissioner Teitzel of the Port's cost of this portion and who is going to take care of the lines when it breaks. Ken feels under this Section 22 23 030 of the law that SawNet could lease port-owned fiber from the Port as we are obligated to provide nondiscriminatory access to any fiber lines we own. This is a different situation from a potential public private partnership. Commissioner Doug McKenzie feels just because Brian is a Commissioner he should not loose his right as a citizen to access fiber, he should be treated just like anyone else.

Commissioner Doug McKenzie asked about Brian's antenna on the roof of the Tichenor Building and Ken responded that the permit for this antenna was entered into long before Brian was on the Port Commission. Ken just wants to make sure that the fiber is neutral to everyone.

Treasurers Report: Port Auditor Jan Fancher gave the monthly Treasurer's report for the month of April, part of May, and an overview of the first quarter review. Anita went on to explain the first quarter review, now close to a mid-quarter review, saying it is still a draft as we still have adjustments to make to both the expected revenues and expenses for the remainder of the year, especially in the salary and wages section. Jan's handouts included Cash Balance to date, Balance Sheet by month, and Profit and Loss by Class for each fund. Jan explained to the Commissioners how excited we are and the progress that we have made on the new version of QuickBooks.

Marketing & Business Development Managers Report: John reported that the Fiber project is done. He continues to work on marketing cut sheets, a presentation folder, and a separate project updating and redesigning the Port Website. The Discovery Building will have a "For Lease" sign for Hwy 14. John will be going to conferences to market the Discovery Building. They did a final change order for the Discovery Building.

Executive Directors Report: Commissioner Doug McKenzie would like to work with the Executive Director on the Life Tek situation.

Anita sent a letter to Kate Engle Rothchild letting her know about our lost tenant (LifeTek) for the Discovery Building. She passed out copies of the letter to the Commissioners.

Anita ask the Commissioners if they have any problem with her continuing discussions Keith Liggett about sail boat parking and in-water moorage. The commissioners told Anita to go ahead with the sail boat parking, but not on the Unical property, and to hold off on the in-water moorage until Commissioner McKenzie had the opportunity to research it further.

Next Meeting: The Commissioners have scheduled a special workshop meeting for June 13, 2002, beginning at 4:00 pm. The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, June 25, 2002, at 4:00 p.m.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

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Commissioner Judy Teitzel

Commissioner Brian Adams

ATTEST:

Deana Midland, Administrative Assistant