

**Port of Skamania County
Board of Port Commissioners
First Monthly Meeting
November 14, 2000**

Attendance: Commissioner Judy Teitzel, Commissioner Brian Adams, Executive Director Anita Gahimer, Port Attorney Ken Woodrich, Facilities Specialist Keith Chamberlain, Administrative Assistant Deana Midland. Guests during the meeting were Jim and Linda Borup, Jim Herman, Maurice Cavanagh and John and Kathy Broughten. Absent and on vacation was Commissioner Matt Masco.

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

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Brian Adams made a motion to approve the minutes with correction on line three of the Public Comment for the meeting held on October 24, 2000. Commissioner Judy Teitzel stepped down and seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurers Report: Port Auditor Dennis Gale gave the monthly Treasurers report for October.

Public Comment: CPA Jim Herman, representing Jim and Linda Borup, presented a letter to the Commissioners for the record. Jim Borup provided comments during Mr. Herman's presentation, expressing dissatisfaction with the results of the Washington State Auditor's Office recent audit of the Port, which included an audit of the Port's lease with J&L Borup, Inc., for the golf course. Also presented for the record were several sheets of information from Jim Borup in support of his comments. All information provided are attached and incorporated herein.

John and Kathy Broughten presented their concerns about future potential changes at the Beacon Rock Golf Course, expressing their satisfaction with the course, the management by Jim Borup, and fear of increase course fees.

Anita introduced Morry Cavanagh, Manager of the PUD, and presented an update of the Fiber Optic Project, describing the potential next step following the recent completion of Phase I, a Feasibility Study, including formalizing the partnership between the Port and the PUD, and seeking grant funding for Phase II Design and Construction of the Stevenson, and Stevenson-Carson fiber backbone. Anita reported on a recent meeting with the EDC and Brent Bahrenberg of Washington State OTED, who has supported the fiber optic project from the beginning, including funding Phase I. The funding source identified at this meeting for Phase II is the National Scenic Area Economic Development Fund administered

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by the Washington Investment Board. Morry discussed the PUD's desire to continue to work in partnership with the Port on this project.

Staff Reports: Deana reported for the past few weeks she has been working very hard on the 4th quarter review so we can get some sort of closer outlook on the entire year for 2000 and more accurately estimate our 2001 needs.

Deana also for the past few weeks has been bringing last year's mailing list for the annual Open House up to date. Deana has been printing all the invitations and addressing all envelopes. She also mention to the Commissioners if there were any other names they wanted added to the list to let her know.

Vouchers: Commissioner Judy Teitzel stepped down to approve pre-issued Voucher Numbered 12236 in the amount of \$173.15. Commissioner Brian Adams seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Commissioner Judy Teitzel stepped down to approve pre-issued General Fund Vouchers Numbered 12237 through 12240 in the amount of \$2,790.40. Commissioner Brian Adams seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Commissioner Judy Teitzel stepped down to approve Capital Development Fund Voucher Numbered 20002 in the amount of \$25,000.00, to be issued by the Executive Director at the time of closing. Commissioner Brian Adams seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Commissioner Judy Teitzel stepped down and made a motion to approve Wind River Nursery Site Fund Vouchers Numbered 30005 through 30007 in the amount of \$1,640.50. Commissioner Brian Adams seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Commissioner Brian Adams made a motion to approve General Fund Vouchers Numbered 12241 through 12275 in the amount of \$16,302.14. Commissioner Judy Teitzel stepped down and seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Executive Directors Report: Anita reported she would be attending the next Wind River Nursery Conveyance meeting with the County's and Forest Service legal representatives on Monday November 20, 2000. It is hoped the conveyance process can be completed by the end of the year.

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Anita is working with an environmental firm from Vermont who has expressed an interest in opening an office in the Gorge. They are very interested in one of the facilities on the Wind River Nursery Site.

Anita reported she is still giving considerable thought and has discussed with Keith the options for relocating the Port offices out of the Tichenor Building once the fiber optic backbone cable run is constructed, as the Tichenor Building is the site identified as the connection point for non discriminatory access by public and private enterprise. This would make the Tichenor Building a very attractive site to businesses in the Gorge, or businesses moving to the gorge, who utilize the Internet as part of their integral business operations, and could bring well paying jobs to our communities.

Anita reported WINDWING has expressed and interest in the Rigging Loft space.

Anita passed out an updated copy of the General Fund 2001 Budget for the Commissioners review and discussion. Changes from the previous version were discussed. Anita presented a request for additional staff in 2001.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, November 28, 2000, at 4:00 p.m.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned by the Chair at 7:30 p.m.

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ATTEST:

Deana Midland
Administrative Assistant, Deana Midland