

Port of Skamania County
Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
April 11, 2011
Special Meeting 6:00 pm

Call to Order: Commissioner Bolstad called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Attendance: Commissioners WD Truitt, Tony Bolstad, and Kevin Waters; Attorney Ken Woodrich, Executive Director John McSherry, Executive Assistant Julie Mayfield, Facilities Specialist Karl Wilkie.

Public Comment: Three members of the public attended (Kristi Versari, Moli Thomas, Judy Teitzel); with such a small group and nature of the meeting, public comment was open for the duration of the meeting.

Moli Thomas, of MST Consulting, is seeking support for a project to bring approximately 15 electric vehicle charging stations to Stevenson/North Bonneville/Carson areas, before the end of 2011 (to take advantage of tax credits). She noted potential locations, which include a site at the Port's Beacon Rock Golf Course and a site or two at the Port's waterfront. Moli explained that Portland is one of our nation's most progressive areas for electric vehicles and she explained plans for charging stations along the I-5 corridor between Portland and Seattle, and Seattle to Wenatchee. She is holding a meeting on April 25 and wants to include all potential stakeholders, such as the cities of Stevenson and North Bonneville, the County, Wind River Business Association, Stevenson Business Association, Skamania County Chamber of Commerce, the PUD, and the Port. She envisions Skamania County as an ideal eco-tourism site for EV owners from the Portland/Seattle areas.

Review Process Highlights

The meeting began with an introduction to the Comprehensive Scheme of Harbor Improvements draft by John McSherry. John had the document open on the video screen and was able to make edits as they were discussed. John noted since Randy Payne, Finance Manager, was unable to attend this evening meeting, that Section IV—Financial Plan—will be postponed to a regular meeting.

II—History, Existing Conditions, Trends: After a review of this section, it was agreed that with a few edits it will be ready for final draft.

III—Goals, Objectives, Strategies: Commissioner Waters requested a “glossary” section to measure terms such as “shovel ready” and “location quotient.” It was noted this section needs to be written to be a “living document.”

Goal 1: Increase the Economic Vitality of the Port and Skamania County. A reserve fund adequate to respond to economic opportunities should be added to the “Strategies” section. A discussion took place regarding how specific our objectives and strategies should be.

Goal 3: Develop the Stevenson Waterfront as a Pivotal Port and Community Asset. It was noted that in 1998 input on Stevenson Waterfront development scenarios was received from a Citizens Advisory Committee and a community survey. John will make copies of the report from this effort available for review. Other land use comments were heard on the Port's mission of providing infrastructure to foster businesses that provide local jobs versus tourism-promoting activities, since a good portion of the waterfront is zoned industrial. John noted the waterfront has a unique mix of industrial, commercial, and recreational uses and any development will have to be balanced based on these uses.

Ken pointed out the usefulness of the planning pyramid for dealing with these issues. There was no time to complete Section III. The discussion will be continued at the regular Port meetings.

Adjournment: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:18 pm.

Next Meeting: The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Port Commissioners is April 12, 2011, 3:00 pm, at the Port office conference room: 212 SW Cascade Avenue, Stevenson, Washington.

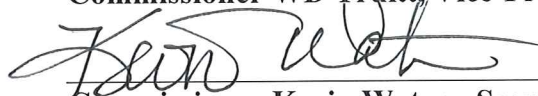
APPROVED BY:



Commissioner Tony Bolstad, President (District 1)



Commissioner WD Truitt, Vice-President (District 2)



Commissioner Kevin Waters, Secretary (District 3)

ATTEST:



Julie Mayfield, Executive Assistant