

**Port of Skamania County  
Minutes of the Board of Commissioners  
December 9, 2014, 1:00 pm**

**Special Meeting: Wind River Business Park Planning  
Joint Workshop with Skamania County**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm and was held at the Skamania County Commissioners Board Room, 240 NW Vancouver Street, Stevenson.

**Attendance:** Commissioners Kevin Waters, Tony Bolstad, and Gail Collins; Executive Director John McSherry, Attorney Ken Woodrich, Finance Manager Randy Payne, Facilities Manager Doug Bill, Facilities Specialist Karl Wilkie, Paul Spencer, Carl Hopple, Bill Fosburg, Aaron Imhof, Kate Wildrick (Ingenuity Innovation Center), Carol Coren (Cornerstone Ventures) and Bevan Suits, and other members of the public, as well as Skamania County Commissioners Bob Anderson, Doug McKenzie, and Chris Brong.

The Workshop discussed these topics:

- Goals:
  - Port/County—primary jobs, public access, revenue creation, community development, private investment, create tax base
  - Private—diversification (economic), property tax revenues, forest health, education
  - Public—access, compatible use
- Concerns:
  - Port/County—site control, loss of upside (flip property), compatible use, noise, traffic, infrastructure costs, access to water (special use permit), historic preservation, easements across Forest Service land, political/leadership stability/change
  - Private—investment stability/security, emphasis on forestry, lack of diversity
  - Public—public input
- Brainstorming session on suitable businesses for the site:
  - Biomass facility
  - Greenhouse/nursery
  - Wood fuel/briquettes
  - NEON, ecological research
  - Research institute/conference center, alternative energy research
  - Heat treated firewood
  - Cross laminated timber structures (specialized wood products)
  - Timber bridge fabrication
  - Rental cabins
  - Campground/RV Park
  - Resort
  - Airsoft
  - Gun range
  - Arts and crafts
  - Museum/interpretive center
  - First Responder training
  - Music venue
  - Event center
  - Restaurants/café
  - Hydroponics
  - Equestrian center

- Presentations from private businesses on greenhouses and aquaponics.

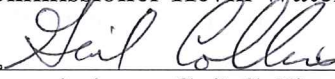
**Adjournment:** 2:55 pm.

**Next Meeting:** The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Port Commissioners is January 5, 2015, 3:00 pm (rescheduled from January 13, 2015), at the Port office conference room: 212 SW Cascade Avenue, Stevenson, Washington.

**APPROVED BY:**

  
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**Commissioner Tony Bolstad**, President (District 1)

  
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**Commissioner Kevin Waters**, Vice-President (District 3)

  
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**Commissioner Gail Collins**, Secretary (District 2)

**ATTEST:**

  
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**Randy Payne**, Finance Manager