

PORT COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING – June 7, 2006

The Port of Port Townsend Commission met in special session at the Port of Port Townsend Administration Office, 375 Hudson Street. The newspapers of record having been duly notified.

Present: Commissioners: Beck, Sokol and Thompson
Executive Director – Crockett
Deputy Director - Pivarnik
Absent: Finance Director – Taylor
Director Marine Facilities - Radon

I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 10:01 AM.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Commissioner Beck made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Public Comments:

None.

IV. JEFFERSON COUNTY EDC / ADO

Mr. Crockett explained that in the upcoming minutes from the May 24, 2006 Port Commission meeting, it will read that Jay Bennett of Diversified Resources gave a presentation on the status of his ADO contract with the County. Reading from the draft of these minutes, Mr. Crockett noted that Commissioner Thompson expressed his support of the new ADO for Jefferson County.

Mr. Crockett went on to explain that he and Commissioner Beck attended the June 1, 2006 Peninsula Development Association (PDA) Quarterly Board meeting and following that meeting, Commissioner Beck exercised his rights to call for a Special Commission meeting on the subject of the EDC /ADO. Mr. Crockett explained that the PDA is under a time constraint in applying for CTED funds which would be split between the Clallam and Jefferson County EDCs. No formal motion was made at the May 24 Port Commission meeting to formalize the decision on supporting the ADO with Jefferson County, and today, staff is looking to have the Commission formalize their decision. He added that we need to get economic development moving in Jefferson County. Mr. Crockett asked County attendees for any additional comments.

Jefferson County Administrator John Fischbach explained that the County Commissioners approved a motion yesterday to officially designate Diversified Resources as the ADO. This motion was faxed to CTED. The designation should be approved by June 20, 2006.

Jay Bennett, of Diversified Resources, asked that the Port designate a staff member or Commissioner as a board representative to the new Jefferson County EDC/ADO.

Commissioner Thompson asked if there is an ADO status at this time. Administrator Fischbach replied no and the Jefferson Co. Commission has designated the new ADO, which has not been recognized by the State as of yet, but expect that to happen by June 20.

Commissioner Sokol went on to ask if the County had designated the old EDC in the past. County staff answered yes. Commissioner Sokol then asked if the County needs and ordinance or resolution to take on the new EDC role. He also added that this new EDC needs to be a proactive organization.

County Commissioner David Sullivan explained that the County has contracted with Diversified Resources with 14 deliverables. The contract spells out its expectations. The County had no contract in the past with the old EDC. The ADO will have two boards: the Diversified Resources board and a board showing a good representation from within the County. June 19th the County and Diversified Resources will be making a presentation to the City, and the County is waiting on a confirmation from PUD on a presentation date.

Herb Beck made a motion for the Port of Port Townsend to support the County's decision to appoint ADO status to Diversified Resources and to encourage the PDA to

become active participants in the support of Diversified Resources as the ADO. This motion passed unanimously. Commissioners directed the Executive Director to draft a letter to the Peninsula Development Association informing them of the Ports decision.

V. STAFF COMMENTS:

Mr. Crockett informed the Commission of an email received today from Coast Seafoods in Quilcene regarding the proposed work to take place at the north end of Quilcene Bay where the Quilcene River enters the bay. The Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement group and others are planning to restore the salmon run, removing dikes and dredging. It appears they would like to see the area restored to the previous stream bed of 1883. Coast has concerns with this restoration work possibly causing sedimentation problems, which could have an effect on their oyster growing operations. Coast Seafoods has been growing additional baby oysters which are shipped to the south, trying to fill in the gap of destruction caused by Hurricane Katrina. Coast Seafoods is only asking for a delay in this decision so that their questions and concerns can be researched and addressed. Coast Seafoods and the Port are unaware of any recent communication sent out to the public on this restoration issue. Mr. Crockett suggests that this be a topic on the June 14 Port Commission Workshop agenda.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

VII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Sokol added that he was at the Jefferson County International Airport last evening. The floor has been poured in the Aero Museum. The FBO expects to have planes being worked on in their maintenance hangar by July 4. Mr. Crockett reminded attendees that the EDC has in the past, sponsored a mixer the Friday before the Fly-In (July 14). Possibly the new EDC / ADO would be interested in joining with the new FBO in hosting this mixer.

VIII. NEXT MEETING:

Regular Meeting on Wednesday, June 14, 2006 at 1:00 PM with the Workshop proceeding at 9:30 AM. Both to be held in the newly relocated Port Administration Office, Conference Room, 375 Hudson Street.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

X. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 AM there being no further business to come before the Commission.

ATTEST:

Secretary

President

Vice President