

PORT COMMISSION MEETING – June 28, 2006

The Port of Port Townsend Commission met in regular session at the Port Administration Office Commission Room in the Hospital Building at Point Hudson.

Present: Commissioners – Beck, Sokol, Thompson
Executive Director – Crockett
Deputy Director – Pivarnik
Marine Facilities Director – Radon
Auditor – Taylor
Attorney – Harris

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM. Commission President Sokol then presented his thoughts on the Commission being in the new Commission Room for tonight's meeting.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon motion of Commissioner Beck, the Agenda was unanimously approved.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes – 6/14/06

B. Approval of Warrants

#34715 through #34741 in the amount of \$ 31,386.68

#34742 through #34748 in the amount of \$ 45,076.85

#34749 through #34821 in the amount of \$ 99,404.85

C. John Alt, Architect Lease

Upon motion of Commissioner Beck, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Not related to agenda)

(None).

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Peninsula Development Association

Mr. Crockett reported that he attended the PDA meeting the previous week, and they are re-writing the by-laws. The federal arm of the organization, in previous years, would give \$50,000 to be split between Clallam and Jefferson counties. Now the federal people do not want the money to be handled that way. This raises several issues, including how the PDA is organized. Each county's EDC activities must now be funded through other means. Discussion followed, with no action required of the Commissioners at this time.

B. Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group Update

Mr. Pivarnik reviewed the plan for the group to remove a culvert, and the ramifications of that action for Coast Seafood. He attended a meeting in the week before, involving concerned parties and their attorneys. He discussed the meeting and the outcome, which had all parties agreeing to removal of the culvert but not the dikes, until further studies are completed. Coast Seafood wants a baseline monitoring of sediment, bacteria and water quality. They are the number one supplier of oyster spat to oyster beds all over the country since Hurricane Katrina, so their operation needs protection. Discussion ensued; to date no bond has been proposed, the hydraulic permit has not even been obtained yet; still, this project is fast-tracked. In further discussion, Commissioner Beck described the history of the dikes and culvert in question, and the Mr. Crockett discussed the restoration of the stream bed.

C. JCIA Project Update

Mr. Pivarnik updated the Commission on the JCIA project, and the Corp of Engineers received the redelineation and other documents they needed on June 20. Now we have to do a full "cultural resources analysis" using another consultant. It should not be expensive and will take about a week. The FAA will hold the grant until 2008. The Port Commission can decide whether to proceed, or get permitting this year and proceed next year. No further action required at this time.

D. Boatyard “Stay Limit” Policy

Mr. Crockett began discussion of this topic, with Mr. Radon giving specific details. The number of boats moving through the boatyard necessitates this policy be examined and developed. Over 40 boats have been there longer than a year, and some have not been worked on; staff indicated there are a number of ways to word such a policy, but there are numerous factors to consider. Existing policy imposes an impound fee for boats in delinquency on payment; discussion followed on how a stay limit could be imposed. Clare Candler also gave suggestions for a one-year limit. After further discussion it was decided to go back and develop this idea further, and revisit this policy idea at a later time.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. JCIA Annual Fly-In

Mr. Crockett indicated the EAA has put all the standard agreement papers in order for the annual Fly-In, scheduled for July 15-16, 2006.

Upon motion of Commissioner Sokol, the Commission unanimously approved the signing of the agreement documents for the annual Fly-In at JCIA as presented.

Mr. Crockett then circulated the sign-up sheet for working at the Fly-In.

B. 2007 Operating Budget & Capital Facilities Plan –Proposed Schedule

Mr. Taylor described the proposed schedule, to begin in two weeks, for the development of issues and priorities for next year. He proposes budget topics at each of the workshops in August. There is a lot of work to be done, and Nov. 8 is the first public hearing date for the budget. It must be finalized by Nov. 30. Discussion followed.

Upon motion of Commissioner Sokol, the Commission unanimously approved the adoption of the budget development schedule as presented.

VII. STAFF COMMENTS

Attorney Harris indicated there is a case pending in Grays Harbor County regarding stormwater, and we should wait to see the outcome before our Port pursues their issues with the City. Meanwhile, the Port should request certain documents and information from the City through the Freedom of Information Act. Discussion followed his comments. Mr. Harris will develop a letter requesting information.

Mr. Taylor said the new fuel management system was installed and operations were shut down for 52 hours. It all seems to work fine, and is monitored remotely. He also proposed a 20-cent-per-gallon discount for the Fly-In. All concurred.

Mr. Radon updated all on the DOE spill trailer. The offer was withdrawn, and a grant application program has been implemented. But because of the previous offer, we are in line for one of the first trailers. It will be based at Point Hudson. Discussion followed. He also said staff will be meeting on the Enviro-Star Program. Finally, he said the Port is eligible for a very low-interest loan to rebuild the Quilcene septic system. It can cover design and installation.

Mr. Pivarnik said the Commissioners have in their box a Buck & Gordon legal brief on the Supreme Court wetlands issue. This is a lawyer’s interpretation. He also reviewed a newspaper article on a 4-year wait for Bridgehaven to be able to dredge their marina. We are moving forward for Quilcene, but there are time-consuming processes involved. We have an HPA and are moving for quick approval.

Mr. Crockett is preparing a list of topics for the legislative arm of the WPPA to pursue and is seeking input. He also had a meeting with DNR, the City and the Paper Mill. There is money to be spent this year and in two following years, on removal of creosote piles, camels etc. The mill would like to partner with us for a one-time mobilization, for removal of some of their piles. Details still need to be worked out, but there can be some reimbursement to the Port. Apparently there is disposal available in eastern Washington. Mr. Crockett also pointed out the staff has all been trained on the AEDs and these defibrillators will be placed at the moorage offices in the Boat Haven and Point Hudson, yard office, admin office and maintenance shop.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bill Burson from the EAA suggested a vintage or Victorian era motif or building design at the airport. His idea might draw tourism, and he asked the Commission whether something like that would be desirable. There was considerable discussion and response. He may return later with a more detailed idea or design to propose.

IX. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Beck asked about the swimming raft in Quilcene. Discussion followed. Commissioner Sokol spoke about some misrepresentations and serious inaccuracies in the article last week in the Leader. He met with the editor and cleared the air. Mr. Crockett responded there has been some ripple effect from the article. Discussion followed.

X. NEXT MEETING: REGULAR MEETING: Wednesday, July 12, 2006 at 1:00PM, at the Port Administration Commission Room in the Hospital Building at Point Hudson, with NO WORKSHOP scheduled for this day.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION (if needed)

None required.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:44 PM.

Recorder: D. Kilburn

ATTEST:

President

Secretary

Vice President