

Commissioner Mackey thanked Commissioner Knapp for being such a valuable resource for him during the last three years; and providing such a great foundation for the Port to build on for years to come.

New Business Item

Columbia Foothills Farmland Association and Wenatchee Wine Country

Hank Manriquez reported to Commissioners that a new wine association is now forming to represent the emerging Wenatchee area wineries. It has been five years since ag tourism formally began in Chelan County as an organized industry.

The Cascade Foothills Farmland Association (CFFA) is poised to be the umbrella group to assist with the creation of new wine groups. Some Wenatchee area wineries are moving to come together as a wine group to have an impact on the industry as a region.

CFFA is asking for funding to get the new group growing. Manriques reported CFFA has organized and coordinated the ag tourism effort for the whole county. Now, the Columbia Cascade Winery group has fallen apart, some of its members have joined the Wenatchee group. The Wenatchee group is working together with all wineries in Chelan County.

The new Wenatchee group is in need of funding for marketing. CFFA has used some of its funds to get the group going.

Korey Korfiatis of Saggezza Creative Group is working with the Wenatchee group to create a business and marketing plan for Wenatchee Wine Country. He provided an overview development of a marketing plan for the Wenatchee Wine Country Association.

The new group was formed out of necessity, and chose Wenatchee as the central point because this location is ideal. Centralized efforts in Wenatchee have a symbiotic relationship with the other wine groups. The Columbia River is what ties the wineries all together.

Korfiatis shared the concept boards. Their group's concept is "Wine begins with the Growers". Intensify the passion of the growers. The grower is the lifestyle approach...the wine is the end result and benefit. This is a co-op able concept.

Tourism promotion and the economic standards for this industry would need to be adopted by the Wine Commission.

The Grant County Wine Coalition is partnering with the Wenatchee group; and will include Wenatchee and Chelan County wineries in its wayside signage.

Manriques reassured Commissioners the Wenatchee group would report back regularly with results of their efforts moving forward.

Mark Urdahl noted the challenge for the Port Commission is to quantify its investments for impact.

Ron Johnston-Rodriguez reported experiencing positive results in regard to his involvement and knowledge of the group and individuals involved in this effort. The coordinated marketing plan should make it more effective than it has been in the past due to the level and commitment of cooperation.

Ron Johnston-Rodriguez will provide a recommendation to the Commission for what the Port's investment should be in this effort.

Urdahl reminded the group the more partners there are on the funding side of their efforts the easier it is for the Port to invest in the project.

Pangborn Memorial Airport

Update

Pat Moore reported the Instrument Landing System (ILS) is turned on, functioning and being used. Horizon Airlines has not used the systems for a regularly scheduled flight as yet. She is not aware when the first Horizon flight will occur, but will check and get back to the Commissioners. The microwave landing system is scheduled to be turned off November 2nd.

Moore has made arrangements with Executive Flight to take a media person up for a flight of the approach. She will let port staff know how many people can go along on the flight.

A discussion ensued on Pangborn runway 7/25. Moore reported the FAA recommends keeping the runway length. Moore is exploring ways to maintain the runway frugally. It would be for small plane use only, not for commercial use.

Moore is asking both Ports to endorse the preservation of the runway and communicate the need to the Douglas County Planning Commission. Moore will plan to make a presentation to the Douglas County Planning Commission. The 2002 Overlay Committee established overlay zone for the runway.

The biggest effect of the safety zones from the recent overlay process was to the main runway.

Consistent with the JOA and the joint resolution in support of the 7000 foot runway, it was suggested the two ports authorize a joint resolution in support of the change in runway 7/25.

Port staff will draft a resolution and submit to the Commissioners, and will send a draft to Douglas County Port Commission for their consideration first.

RH2 has submitted a grant proposal to the Economic Development District for the Grant Road relocation for the tri-county prioritization process next month. The Grant Road project needs to be on the list for any EDA funding; however, being on the list does not guarantee funding.

Moore reported Douglas County is moving forward on the Airport Way project. The estimate of cost and time is looking better.

Bruce Baguley commented a lot of neighbors of the airport do not know what is going on, and that is why he is at the Port Commission meeting. The neighbors of the airport have formed a group "Friends and Neighbors Of Pangborn Airport" (FANOPA) to keep airport neighbors informed.

Baguley welcomed the Port's contributions to help keep the group informed. The goal is to get more people (neighbors of the airport) involved so they understand what is going on. The neighbors are afraid of their needs being ignored.

Commissioners reassured Mr. Baguley the Port wants airport neighbors be informed about and understand what is going on at the airport. FANOPA needs to let the Port know what is needed.

Mr. Baguley offered to share the information he has and will acquire.

Confluence Technology Center

Update

Jaecks explained she sent her written report to Commissioners on Monday. She reported Yahoo! is wrapping up their construction. The ribbon cutting ceremony for grand opening has been set for November 16th, 2006.

The Executive Board Room work has not moved forward as yet. The vendor has not been available.

The meeting recessed for ten minutes at 10:13 am, and reconvened at 10:23 am.

Port Budget

2006 Supplemental Budget Public Hearing

Port internal auditor, Monica Lough, briefly reviewed the draft supplemental budget with the Commissioners. There were three editorial changes noted which will be made to the final draft.

Commission President Mike Mackey opened the public hearing on the 2006 Port Supplemental Budget at 10:53am.

There being no comment from the public, the public hearing was closed at 10:54 am.

Motion No. ***11-03-06***

Moved By: ***James H. Knapp***

Seconded By: ***JC Baldwin***

To approve the 2006 Supplemental Budget with editorial changes as noted. Motion Carried.

2007 Preliminary Port Budget Discussion

Monica Lough briefly reviewed the 2007 preliminary budget with Commissioners. Bill Stokes questioned the validity of the financial planning putting aside 40% of the Port's budget without any specific projects or activities dedicated for the funds.

Urdahl explained the dilemma of a scheduled planning process, but not setting aside the dollars to implement because the results of the planning process are unknown. A footnote explaining to the public that the earmark was done so to implement planning and projects that may come out of the comprehensive planning process might clarify the set-aside.

Stokes commented that Commission action will be required for future projects anyway, and suggested the future commission action could authorize the dollars to be spent out of reserves.

The funding will be moved to a Comprehensive Plan Reserve Fund in a separate column.

Motion No. ***11-04-06***

Moved By: ***James H. Knapp***

Seconded By: ***JC Baldwin***

To place the 2007 Preliminary Budget as amended on file for public inspection.

Motion Carried.

There will be public notice published in the Wenatchee World for two weeks announcing the Port's 2007 Preliminary Budget is on file and available for public review. At the regularly scheduled Commission meeting on November 15th a public hearing will be held on the 2007 Preliminary Budget and the public will have an opportunity to comment. Pete Fraley will prepare the appropriate budget resolutions for consideration at the meeting on November 15th.

Executive Session

The meeting recessed to executive session to discuss real estate matters at 11:55 AM. Regular session was reconvened at 12:55 pm with the following action taken:

Director's Report

Cashmere mill property

Motion No. 11-05-06

Moved By: James H. Knapp

Seconded By: JC Baldwin

To approve a purchase and sale agreement with Cedarbrook, Inc. as presented, and authorize the Executive Director to sign the document. Motion Carried.

IB#2 Remodeling Project Closeout

Motion No. 11-06-06

Moved By: JC Baldwin

Seconded By: Michael H. Mackey

To authorize the Executive Director to make payments consistent in the Agreement Regarding Improvements to Port Industrial Building #2 with Eastmont School District.

Motion Carried.

Motion No. 11-07-06

Moved By: JC Baldwin

Seconded By: Michael H. Mackey

To authorize the Executive Director to amend within the limits of his Delegation of Authority the Agreement Regarding Improvements to Port Industrial Building #2 with Eastmont School District. Motion Carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:57 am.

Dated and approved this 15th day of November, 2006.

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