

# NEWS RELEASE

## PORT OF CHELAN COUNTY

Meeting of the Port Board of Commissioners  
Thursday, June 3, 2010 - 8:30 a.m.

## *Meeting Highlights*

### Pybus Project Update

Port real estate contractor Jon Eberle reported that closing for the port's purchase of the Pybus building and building is set for June 18th.

### Pangborn Memorial Airport Update

Airport director Pat Moore attended a workshop held by the City of East Wenatchee Planning Commission to brief the commission on airport land use compatibility issues. She indicated that the planning commission members were eager to learn about potential airport impacts. She also apprised the port commissioners that she and her successor, Greg Phillips, will be in regular contact with one another so that Greg will have some level of familiarity with ongoing airport projects and activities when he assumes the position of airport director on August 1st.

### Cashmere Projects Status

Laura Jaecks, projects manager, briefed the commission on Sunset Highway improvements, asbestos removal, and wood waste removal activities, all of which are part of the Cashmere Mill site redevelopment effort.

### Peshastin Mill Site Limited Access

The commissioners approved a limited public access policy relating to port's property in Peshastin, along the Wenatchee River. The policy was drafted by staff members in cooperation with members of the Peshastin community and will allow daylight, non-motorized access to the mill site property and establishes certain limitations on activities on the property (e.g. no camping will be permitted, no fires, etc.).

### Lake Chelan Chamber Proposal

Chamber Manager Mike Steele and chamber contractor Ronnie Freund explained the chamber's exploration of using television commercials to promote the Chelan area. Steele presented costs associated with the use of this medium and will continue to apprise the commissioners of marketing budget details as they are developed. The port may be asked to participate in the cost of production TV commercials in the Canadian and Puget Sound markets. The commissioners deferred a decision on this to a later date.

### City of Entiat – Heartland Feasibility Study Proposal

The commissioners approved a request from Susan Driver, of the Entiat community, for the port to provide some financial support for a proposed \$37,500 market feasibility study of a portion of the Entiat waterfront. That community has received a proposal from Heartland LLC, of Seattle to conduct this study. Inasmuch as \$30,000 was not expended from the Port's 2009 Entiat study budget item, Susan asked the commissioners to consider applying this amount toward the \$37,500 total cost for Heartland's proposed work. The proposal includes asset assessment, market and financial analyses, and feasibility, among numerous other interdisciplinary approaches to this type of study.

Updates from the city are expected throughout the project. The commissioners indicated preliminary support for Entiat's request, and will take action on it at the June 17th commission meeting.

### North Wenatchee Avenue Transportation Corridor

Port External Affairs Manager Mike Armstrong apprised the commissioners of proposed changes to this corridor, which are included in a draft plan developed by the Wenatchee Valley Transportation Council. He described several conceptual alternatives the council has developed and commented that there have been and will continue to be numerous opportunities for public input during the period of years that will ensue before any final approval is given to the project, funding becomes available, and planning has been completed.

### Wine Alliance – Agreement Amendment

Port staff asked that the commission table this item and take it up for discussion and possible action at the June 17th meeting.

Executive Session – Real Estate Matters An executive session was called to consider real estate matters; however, no action was taken at its conclusion.

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