

Minutes of February 12, 1980

Present were: President Bill Hamm, Vice President Fred Holly, Commissioner Albin Berglund, Manager Bill Hemingway, Secretary Margaret Siders and Enterprise Reporter Brian Rust.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Voucher on the DOMA Fund No. 117 in the amount of \$74.94 was approved by the Board on motion by Comm. Holly; seconded by Comm. Berglund--motioned carried.

Vouchers on the General Fund #4562 through 4586, totalling \$7,786.94 were presented to the Board. Bill Hamm requested Manager to check if it was legal for the Port to pay dues to the Chamber of Commerce and Rotary. All vouchers except 4562 and 4568 were approved by the Board, and it was decided to wait to pay any dues to the Chamber of Commerce and Rotary until the legality question was answered.

Resolutions 3-80 and 4-80 were presented by Manager. Res. 3-80 re-invests \$111,837.03, and all accrued interest, in the Bingen Easement Fund for a period of 100 days. Res. 4-80 allows the investment of \$60,000 of the Port No. 1 General Fund for a period of 30 days. Motion to approve the two resolutions was made by Comm. Holly; seconded by Comm. Berglund--motion carried.

R. A. Barnes project. Manager will meet with Mr. Barnes, Chuck Helzer and others in The Dalles on February 13th at Tenneson Engineering Corp. at 10:00 A.M. Manager asked Commissioners to attend a luncheon in The Dalles after the meeting at Tenneson's office to meet with Barnes and his people. Commissioners agreed and will meet at the Portage Inn. Manager said we need to get a written agreement with Barnes to get an extension of time regarding bids on building project.

BMI project. George Barber has advised Manager that he does want to go ahead with the water project and after the 1st of April, 1980 he will be able to provide his \$5,000 share. Comm. Holly questioned if we were going to provide services 30 days after Barber put the \$5,000 in escrow. Manager read Amendment to the agreement on water service and confirmed that we would do this. Also, Manager advised that Ingebo would like a three month extension on the option to purchase one acre of Dallesport land. Commissioners will decide on this issue by next Port meeting.

1970 Rev. Bond Issue. Manager advised that he talked to Mr. Holman who told him that the DOW attorney came to see him and they did not come to any conclusions. Manager talked to Holman about potential problems with using the money--we do not want to release DOW if we will not be able to use the \$1 million. Manager will see Holman on his trip to Seattle, Feb. 18-20, and it was decided by Manager and Commissioners that the issue should be resolved by April or we may lose some benefit on this project.

Gasohol Inquiries. Manager advised that he had sent letters to Senator Jackson and Rep. McCormack, and he called the National Gasohol Commission in Lincoln, Nebraska and they will send a

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complete package on this issue, and he talked with Wayne Bolby of the Oregon Gasoline Dealers Assn. Also, Jack Reilly of the Dept. of Commerce & Economic Development inquired about the Port making a presentation in the next two weeks to 30 days of our industrial site re possible gasohol facilities being built there. It was suggested by Comm. Holly that we get in touch with Rocket Research and Manager said he would do this right away.

WPPA. Discussion of the status of the Bill H.B.3422 to authorize Ports to operate tour boats on the Columbia and Snake Rivers and to contract for railroad services; also Bill H.J.R.41, Industrial Revenue Bonding authority for Ports will probably not pass this session.

Columbia/Snake River Ports Study. Manager attended meeting which was sponsored by the Port of Portland in January and said very few people attended because of bad weather and not much accomplished. Next meeting will be February 29th and Manager will attend. The question was raised about the redundancy of this study and the WPPA study and whether or not we want to pay for both of them. More research in that area is required before a decision can be made about the Port's participation.


MCEDD. Discussion of meeting that Manager and Commissioners had attended in Hood River. The opportunity to meet with the regional EDA representatives was very encouraging. It was agreed that Comm. Holly will continue as Washington Port's representative to MCEDD.


Unemployment/Retirement Program. At this time the Port's unemployment rate is 3% of wages (to a maximum of \$9,600). Discussion of how much it would cost the Port to participate in the program and the consensus was that it now may be beneficial for the Port to participate in the State unemployment program. With regard to the State retirement program, the Manager asked for more time to look into other retirement program options.

Master Development Plan. Manager read letter and recommendations from Thomas Hawkins, AICP, of Nelson/Walla and Dolle (the contractors). There is still some confusion as to how much contractor follow-up time is remaining. Manager will continue to pursue.

Miscellaneous. Manager read letter from Senator Magnuson with regard to the Columbia Gorge Study.

The meeting recessed to executive session at 8:10 P.M. and then adjourned at 8:55 P.M.


Bill Hemingway, Port Manager


Bill Hamm, President