PORT OF KLICKITAT

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES August 18, 2009

**REGULAR MEETING** 

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/ASSESSMENT/FINDINGS	ACTION	
Attendance	Commissioner/Staff Present: Port Commissioners (PCs) Norm Deo, Rodger Ford and Wayne Vinyard; Executive Director (Exec.D) Marc Thornsbury; and Administrative Assistant/Port Auditor (AA/PA) Margie Ziegler. PC/Staff Absent: None. Guests Present: Marsha Holliston, Mt. Adams Chamber of Commerce; Jerry Bertschi, Beneventis Pizza; and Adrian Bradford.	Meeting called to order at 4:34 pm.	
Administrative Matters	Minutes – August 4, 2009 PC Vinyard M, to approve the		
Consent Agenda	Special Meeting Minutes – August 7, 2009	consent agenda with changes, PC	
	Special Meeting Minutes – August 10, 2009	Ford S. MP	
	Payroll Vouchers – August 11, 2009 #23129, \$297.48		
	Payroll Vouchers – August 14, 2009 #23130-23136, \$7,589.71		
	Vouchers – August 18, 2009 #23137-23150, \$2,465.37		
Executive Director's Report: Strategic Plan	(Exec.D) Thornsbury asked the PC about the draft strategic plan. PC Ford said it would be nice to have the plan in place and a lot of time has been spent in developing the plan. PC Vinyard would like to have another workshop and get a focus on the plan. PC Vinyard would first like some community feedback about what they would like to see the Port doing. PC Ford would like to see these meeting in the Fall and Spring.  Thornsbury said the plan should answer the questions: 1) What do we do? 2) Why are we here? 3) What is our value add? 4) How do we	By consensus, the PC would like to attend community council meetings to provide constituents an opportunity to discuss their vision for the Port.	
	accomplish it? 5) How do we fund it?		
Terminal Operations – Dallesport	(Exec.D) Thornsbury said a group has been looking at shipping material in and out using small, shallow draft ships. Thornsbury said they are also interested in shipping by rail and have been looking at different	By consensus, the PC directed (Exec.D) Thornsbury to obtain more information on the shipping	

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Terminal Operations – Dallesport continued	options. Discussion followed regarding current and potential DIP dock uses. The development and use of the staging area was also discussed. PC Vinyard said tenants that produce wharfage and jobs in Klickitat County should have consideration over a company that only provides wharfage to the Port.		
Financial Policies	(Exec.D) Thornsbury presented examples of financial policies that could be adopted at the Port. Thornsbury said it is important to have such policies in place in order for the Port to get a good credit rating. Thornsbury said the Port's Financial Consultant Jan Fancher, CPA, will review the policy before it is adopted.		
Klickitat County Fair	(Exec.D) Thornsbury said the Klickitat County Fair will be August 20-23, 2009. Thornsbury said the KC EDA booth will focus on the bi-state renewable energy and other KC items. Thornsbury said he will attend Thursday or Friday afternoon. PC Ford said he would try to attend Friday and Saturday.		
Miscellaneous	(Exec.D) Thornsbury said a company that makes veneers has approached the Port. Thornsbury said their current operation ships logs to China and the veneers and furniture are made in China. Thornsbury said their goal is to make the veneers in America and ship them to China. Thornsbury said he put them in contact with Dallesport Lumber for use of their existing facility.		
Committee Reports	PC Deo: PC Deo said then next Airport meeting 8/21/09.  PC Ford: Nothing  PC Vinyard: Nothing		

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Committee Reports cont	(AA/PA) Ziegler will attend the SW WA Finance Group meeting at the Port of Skamania on August 21, 2009.		
Public Comment	Marsha Holliston, Mt. Adams Chamber, asked how long it would take the Port to be ready with infrastructure if Insitu wanted to build a campus. PC Deo said the infrastructure and grading plan is complete and the Port is looking for funding. (Exec.D) Thornsbury said it is a challenge to decide how to best spend the limited amount of dollars that the Port can finance. Thornsbury said in the past the Port has been using its debt capacity to borrowing funds to construct buildings at Bingen Point.		
	Jerry Bertschi, Beneventis Pizza, said he would like to see the Port do whatever it can to keep Insitu in Bingen. Bertschi asked questions regarding the move of ICE. PC Deo said the Port and ICE could not agree on terms for the sale of the property.		
	Adrian Bradford asked about the proposal to Insitu for a campus.  Bradford complimented the Port for considering selling property for the SDS/Dickey proposal to Insitu.		
Adjournment	PC Deo adjourned the PC Meeting at 5:56 p.m.		

Approved on			
(Date)		Margie Ziegler, Administrative Assistant	
Marc Thornsbury, Executive Director		Norman Deo, President	

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