PORT OF KLICKITAT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES November 8, 2016

SPECIAL MEETING

TOPIC	DISCUSSION / ASSESSMENT / FINDINGS	ACTION
Attendance	Commissioner/Staff Present: Port Commissioners (PCs) James Herman, and William Schmitt; and Executive Director (ED) Marc Thornsbury. PC/Staff Absent: PC Wayne Vinyard and Administrative Assistant/Port Auditor (AA/PA) Margie Ziegler. Guests Present: Richard Foster, Klickitat County Public Economic Development Authority.	Meeting called to order by PC Schmitt at 4:30 PM. PC Vinyard was excused.
Public Hearing 2017 Draft Budget	PC Schmitt opened the public hearing regarding the 2017 Budget and Comprehensive Scheme at 4:31PM. There were no public comments. PC Schmitt closed the public hearing at 4:32PM. The PC will meet on November 22 to adopt the 2017 Budget and amend the Comprehensive	
2017 Draft Capital Improvement Budget	Scheme.	
Amendment of the Comprehensive Scheme of Harbor Improvements and Industrial Development		
Administrative Matters Approval of Minutes	Minutes – October 4, 2016 Minutes – October 18, 2016	PC Herman M to approve the minutes, PC Schmitt S, MP 2-0.
Approval of Vouchers	Payroll Vouchers – October 20, 2016, D11624-D11630, #26758-26760, \$10,562.28.	PC Herman M to approve the vouchers, PC Schmitt S, MP 2-0.
	Vouchers – October 24, 2016, #26761-26779, \$91,960.20. Payroll Vouchers – November 07, 2016, D11631-D11645, #26780-26782, \$12,905.46.	

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Administrative Matters cont Approval of Vouchers cont	Vouchers – November 4, 2016, #26783-26801, \$289,582.04. PC Herman asked if the earthwork project bill was reviewed by the engineer. ED Thornsbury printed the engineer's e-mail approving payment.	
Old Business	None	
New Business Warehousing at BPBP	ED Thornsbury said the Port has been asked to reconsider its position on developing warehouse facilities at the Bingen Point Business Park (BPBP). Thornsbury reminded the PC that it has allowed development that included warehousing as a secondary aspect of another approved use, but has discouraged development where the primary use is warehousing. Thornsbury noted that warehousing typically delivers two to five jobs per acre of development and the uses allowed at the BPBP currently deliver approximately 25 jobs per acre. Discussion followed. PC Schmitt said he would rather see warehousing at the Dallesport Industrial Park (DIP). PC Herman expressed concern over the development of warehouse space at the BPBP and the lack of jobs. Herman also asked if the fruit bin storage on Lot 4/5 violated the policy. Thornsbury explained that the lease for bin storage was temporary and could be terminated in favor of more appropriate development, but a lease for warehouse development would be in effect for decades.	By consensus, the PC affirmed its position to discourage the development of warehousing at the BPBP in favor of the DIP.
Law Enforcement	ED Thornsbury explained the potential of contracting for an increased law enforcement presence at the Bingen Point Business Park and Dallesport Industrial Park. Thornsbury noted that the idea has received a positive response from the Sheriff's Office. PC Schmitt noted that the deputies are very busy all over the county and asked how they will track their time and whether the fee charged would be flat or based on the actual time spent at the Port. Thornsbury explained that the discussion is merely conceptual at this stage and such details would have to be worked out if there is a desire to move forward. He added the Port could use a trial period to see how the program might	By consensus, the PC directed ED Thornsbury to proceed.

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New Business cont	work. PC Herman asked how much it costs Trout Lake and Lyle for law	
Law Enforcement cont	enforcement to drive through and asked if the Sheriff receives any leasehold tax monies from the Port. Thornsbury explained that Klickitat County does receive a portion of leasehold tax revenue and that the Port is currently receiving the appropriate level of service given its tax contribution. He pointed out, however, that the Port needs a little more than an occasional drive-through and a response to a call for service. Thornsbury described some of the illegal activities on Port properties including trespassing, vandalism, and theft and expressed concern that an almost complete lack of law enforcement presence may give some people the feeling they can do anything they want without fear of punishment. Thornsbury asked if the PC would like staff to continue discussing enhanced enforcement with the objective of returning to the PC with a proposed inter-governmental agreement.	
Executive Director's Report Underwood Fruit Lease	ED Thornsbury stated the Underwood Fruit lease has been amended to account for the new Lot 4/5 location and expects bins to arrive soon.	
DIP Shoreline Improvements	ED Thornsbury presented preliminary engineered drawings of the proposed surface grading and stormwater management system for the Dallesport Industrial Park barge dock and surrounding property. He also explained the operation of the system, the process involved in its development, and the alternatives considered. Thornsbury described the problems with existing elevations, improving and adjusting access to Lot 46, and limiting encroachment into the staging area. Thornsbury stated he will look into a stormwater grant for the project, noting that the deadline for applications is October 2017 and, if granted, construction would start mid-2018. Thornsbury asked if the PC had any questions or concerns and if staff should proceed.	By consensus, the PC directed ED Thornsbury to proceed.
Executive Director Performance Evaluation	ED Thornsbury noted the annual performance review of the Executive Director will be on the agenda for the next PC meeting.	

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Executive Director's Report cont DIP Rail	ED Thornsbury provided an update on the condition of the Dallesport Industrial Park rail spur and noted that it does not appear rail will be used during the lock closure. Thornsbury added he believes the Port should proceed with returning the rail spur to service and expressed concern the BNSF Railroad could remove the spur from service permanently if the current deficiencies are not corrected in a timely fashion. PC Schmitt pointed out that the rail spur is a valuable asset and the Port should work to get it back into service. Thornsbury noted the Port has spent very little on rail maintenance or improvements during his tenure and likely well before his arrival. He added that the PC should consider setting aside a small amount in the Port's budget each year to fund recurring rail maintenance.	
Commissioners Reports	PC Herman said he noticed Klickitat County is constructing the access road to the gun range. ED Thornsbury said he attended the Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council (SWRTC) meeting and noted they will award the contract for the Bingen Circulation Study soon. Thornsbury briefly explained traffic counting and the technologies used to collect the data.	
Public Comment	None	
Adjournment	PC Schmitt adjourned the PC Meeting at 5:26 PM.	

Approved on __

(Date)

Marc Thornsbury, Executive Director

Margie Ziegler, Administrative Assistant

Jim Herman, Secretary

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