

Port of Morrow
Regular Commission Meeting
November 10, 2009
#2 Marine Drive, Riverfront Center
Boardman, OR. 97818

PRESENT

Commissioners: Marvin Padberg, Don Russell, Larry Lindsay, Joe Taylor and Jerry Healy

Staff: Gary Neal, Lisa Mittelsdorf, Eileen Hendricks, Dori Drago, Ron McKinnis and Ben Foster

Others: As listed on sign-in sheet

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

The regular session was called to order by Marvin Padberg at 1:35 pm.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 7, 2009

Joe Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2009 regular meeting. Don Russell seconded the motion, motion approved.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group

No one from the group was present to report, however, Jerry Healy reported they are still working on housing. They have found a builder now they need a lot.

B. Heppner Site NFA Status

There is no update at this time.

C. Rail

In regards to the South Spur – The rail should be in place by the end of the week. The crossing should be finished tomorrow. We are waiting for the cross arms on Ullman, but the project should be complete by the end of the month.

In regards to Connect II project, the Consultant was ready to submit the 30% plan to Union Pacific, but Ron said he felt it did not meet the Port of Morrows goals. Ron asked him to make the appropriate changes prior to submitting the plan.

D. T2 Update

Steve Lawn gave an update on their progress. They are looking at repowering the plant for the renewable portfolio standard. They have selected the technology to do this and are waiting for a power purchase agreement to be in place so they can get a better idea of how to budget for that item.

PGE and Clark County PUD have asked them to put a proposal together, but first they need to find the transmission to the west. The BPA may still have this power plant in their allocation, they are checking into it. If not it may be difficult to get transmission to the west.

Steve said Seattle light is looking at a proposal and he is meeting with a California Consultant tomorrow.

E. LRA – workshop

Gary said we will be submitting the Notice of Interest by the 23rd. The next meeting is Thursday and Joe and Lisa will be attending
The Army and Umatilla Electric are negotiating a price for Umatilla Electric to take over the grid.

F. Warehouse Expansion

Lisa showed the Commissioners a drawing of the proposed expansion. The contract has been awarded to Swaggart. The construction time frame is 90 days.

G. IFA Meeting

Gary said the first meeting was basically just to introduce the members and set future meeting dates. Gary is looking forward to learning how we can benefit from the programs and sharing the information with other public entities. The next meeting is scheduled for December 4th.

H. PNWA Conference

Marv, Don, Gary and Lisa all attended the PNWA Conference this year. Marv said he learned quite a bit about the technicalities of the dams. They all agreed it was a great conference and the speakers did a good job.

I. Other

None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Corps Property Master Plan Review

There is a video conference scheduled for next Monday at 2:30 with the consultant. Lisa presented the Commissioners with photos of the property and the ideas and concepts presented to the Architect so he can develop a master plan of the area.

B. Statewide Port Strategic Plan Meeting

There is a public meeting at 4 pm Thursday in The Dalles that will cover this part of the State for comments associated with the Statewide Strategic Plan. Gary plans to attend the meeting.

C. Other

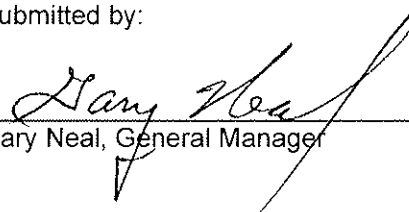
None

V. STAFF REPORTS

Building use, container activity and water usage were all discussed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 pm.

Submitted by:



Gary Neal, General Manager



Marvin Padberg, Commission President