

**Port of Morrow
Regular Commission Meeting**

November 10, 2010
#2 Marine Drive, Riverfront Center
Boardman, OR. 97818

PRESENT

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

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

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 12, 2010

Joe Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2010 regular meeting. Jerry Healy seconded the motion, motion approved.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Special Meeting November 2, 2010

Don Russell made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2010 special Commission meeting. Joe Taylor seconded the motion, motion approved.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group

There was no one here to report.

B. Rail – Connect II project

Ron reported that the Contractor is here and they will start moving dirt next week. The Contracts are out to finalize the materials. The earth work should be done and the materials should be here by the first of the year. We are still working on finalizing the agreements with the UP, they should be completed the middle of next month.

C. LRA

Talked about the plans for the Port of Morrow to handle the administrative paperwork for the LRA, there will be a couple of employees hired that the Port will manage. They are applying for a million dollar grant for the implementation of the LRA. There is about a 13 month process for the planning for reuse of the depot facilities.

D. RDC – Resource Demonstration Center update

Everything is moving forward on schedule. Gary said the main purpose of the RDC is to educate people about what we do in our region and the importance of it. There is a meeting scheduled for November 18th and they are hoping to finalize a name for the center.

E. Heppner Facility Update

There is nothing new to report.

F. Connect III

Ron said he is still working on getting the permits for in water work. Gary suggested Ron get PNWA involved, maybe they can help. We are getting ready to go out for bid on a container handler, super chassis, and a spreader bar for the Manitowoc 4600 crane.

G. Other

The slabs are down and the utilities should be in place within the next two weeks at the Transload III building. We are 6 weeks behind schedule but Ron is doing everything he can do to get the project finished. Gary will have a conversation with the tenant to find out their need.

In our August 11th meeting we approved sale of land to VAData. That transaction closed this week. Joe Taylor moved we clarify that Gary is authorized to sign those agreements. Jerry Healy seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

The billboard sign company contacted us and they would like to add sign locations on our property along the freeway west of town. Discussion took place and it was determined that we should look into it some more and possibly negotiate the terms.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. PNWA Annual Meeting Report

Gary, Don and Jerry attended the PNWA Annual Meeting. There was a lot of discussion regarding the extended lock closure and the importance of the river system for transportation. Don said the regional power issues presentation was very informative.

B. Upcoming Legislative Session

Gary mentioned the upcoming legislative session. He is working on putting together a public meeting the first week of December and having a couple Legislatures come and talk.

C. Other

Eileen distributed the Guide for Public Officials the Oregon Government Ethics Commission adopted on October 26, 2010. She also reminded the Commissioners the Annual Statement of Economic Interest is still due April 15th.

Joe said there is not much new going on with the RC&D. The next meeting is January 18th here at the Port and they would like to tour the RDC site.

Joe said he attended the Irrigon Chamber of Commerce meeting today.


V. **STAFF REPORTS**

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

There being no further business, the regular session was adjourned at 2:35 pm.

Executive Session under Leases and Legal Action – ORS 192.660

Submitted by:



Gary Neal, General Manager



Marvin Padberg, Commission President