

Port of Morrow
Regular Commission Meeting
December 9, 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 – November 10, 2009

Jerry Healy made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2009 regular meeting. Joe Taylor seconded the motion, motion approved.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group

John Edmundson was here to give an update. He said they have been working on strategic plans for Lone, Heppner and Lexington. All three communities are in need of housing, specifically rentals. The Economic Development Group is coordinating an investment group, who will set up an LLC and will address building rental properties.

Workforce Training Grants have been received and CAPCO is helping with training Certified Nursing Assistants.

They are still working on getting the water level raised at Willow Creek Reservoir; the forms and documentation of support have been submitted to Greg Walden's office.

B. Heppner Site NFA Status

There is no update at this time.

C. Rail

South Spur – it will be complete with cross arms in about a week. It is already being utilized as Emert International is setting up to unload a transformer for Coyote Springs Power Plant.

Connect II project – We are still working on the design. We have finally convinced the Consultant to do an alignment that meets our needs. We are now waiting for the 10% approval from UPRR.

D. T2 Update

Items to be discussed in Executive Session.

E. LRA – Workshop- Notice of Interest – Ratify Resolution 2009-08

Joe Taylor moved to approve Resolution 2009-08, Larry Lindsay seconded, motion approved.

Lisa provided Commissioners with the list of parties that submitted a Notice of Interest.

Next meeting is scheduled for December 17, 2009.

F. Warehouse Expansion

Swaggart is the contractor working on the 40,000 square foot expansion. They are building forms to pour walls, but will have to wait for warmer weather to start pouring.

G. IFA Meeting

Gary attended the second IFA meeting last Friday. He shared the information they presented regarding the Community Development Block Grant Program.

H. Other

None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Chinese Group Visit / South Korean Group Visit

Gary spoke to a group from China regarding environmental issues. Dave Lovin gave a presentation of water re-use, a process not currently allowed in China.

Lisa met with a private group interested in developing an Industrial Park in South Korea. She gave them a tour of the Port of Morrow and answered questions regarding investments and how projects are funded.

B. Statewide Port Strategic Plan Meeting

Gary attended a public information meeting in The Dalles about three weeks ago. He said there was not a lot of participation. Gary is anticipating a draft of the Statewide Port Strategic Plan in a couple weeks.

C. PNWA Mission to Washington

Gary asked the Commissioners to let us know if they plan to attend the PNWA annual conference so we can make arrangements.

Eileen provided the Commissioners with a registration packet for the SDAO Conference to be held February 5th – 7th and asked them to notify us if they plan to attend so we can make arrangements.

D. Zeachem – Grant Award

Zeachem was awarded a grant and plans to move ahead aggressively. Gary said he is looking forward to seeing some construction the first of the year.

E. Other

Gary reminded the Commissioners of the upcoming Legislative Session.

Gary said Morrow County will be sending out a letter announcing Bombing Range Rd. will be closed January 4th-29th for road improvements.

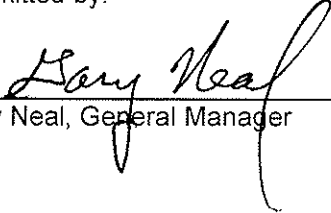
V. **STAFF REPORTS**

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