

Port of Morrow
Regular Commission Meeting
February 10, 2010
#2 Marine Drive, Riverfront Center
Boardman, OR. 97818

PRESENT

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

Staff: Gary Neal, Lisa Mittelsdorf, Eileen Hendricks, 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 3:00 pm.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 13, 2010

Jerry Healy made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2010 regular meeting. Don Russell seconded the motion, motion approved.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group

There was no one from Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group here to report.

B. Rail

South Spur – The signals are not working correctly, Ron emailed the electrical contractor and asked them to come and repair it by the end of next week. The final inspection is scheduled for the first week of March. The signage is up and the pavement markings will be complete prior to the inspection.

Connect II project – We have come to an agreement on the alignment and we are working on the budget. We have a meeting next week with our Consultants and Northwest Container to come to a resolve to move forward with the project.

C. T2 Update

Gary said he has had conversation with Steve Lawn and he is still trying to bring direction on the transmission component of the project with the party we talked about that might have transmission capacity. Steve talked to him yesterday to try and get some clarity on what they can do. We have clear transmission to Boardman substation but from there it's going to have to come from a third party.

There is an Energy Bill that is being proposed in Legislature that could help this project. According to Steve Lawn the Governor has endorsed it. The Bill will take into account an energy tax credit associated with power output.

D. LRA

Gary said there have been a lot of plan meetings going on, there is one tonight at 6:30. Morrow County is hosting it and it will be here at the Port.

The next LRA workshop will be here on the 25th of February. Gary said he will be there but Joe will be out of town so Lisa will be his alternate.

Gary and Joe have a meeting with the Dana Group to go over some items. Gary said he believes they will be done in April or May.

Gary said he participated in a meeting coordinated by Jerry Breazeale with Union Pacific. They toured the rail facilities at the Depot. Union Pacific indicated they are not looking for additional storage.

Jerry Breazeale was here as a liaison between Irrigon and the Port. Jerry mentioned the City of Irrigon has also filed a Notice of Interest.

E. Warehouse Expansion

Lisa said they are having a once a week meeting with the Contractor to work on the final details. The building inspector was here yesterday. Next week they should be putting the roof on. Now that the weather is cooperating things are coming together to get this project completed.

F. IFA Meeting

Gary attended a meeting on January 15th. They looked at the Recovery Zone Bond again. Allocation is driven by population and unemployment statistics; unfortunately Morrow County did not fit the criteria for these bonds. These Bonds have to be issued by the end of 2010 and some are not being used. This prompted the IFA to look at the possibility of being the collector and re-allocator of these Bonds. This prompted a large outreach to the communities that did meet the criteria to make them aware of them.

The IFA Board had a presentation from the Statewide Port Strategic Plan at the meeting for consideration. The next meeting is February 19th.

On January 29th Gary attended the Oregon Economic Development Commission meeting in Portland. There was a presentation of the Statewide Port Strategic Plan, the IFA will be reviewing it again at the March meeting for consideration of approval.

G. Strategic Planning Workshop

Lisa reported that most of the day was spent going through our project action items or our development projects. We were able to cross off a lot of them as completed. We did not add any new projects to the list, although we have some that need to be added. We will need to get that section in the book re-defined, maybe by the next Commissioners meeting. Gary suggested giving a little more time and having it completed by the following meeting.

H. Other

None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. S.P.W.F.-Technical Assistance Grant Document Approval

In the packet Lisa provided an Agreement with the State of Oregon for a Special Public Works Funds Technical Assistance Grant to provide funding for cultural and environmental review of 2,000 acres of Port owned property.

Joe Taylor moved to accept the SPWF-TA Grant Agreement, Jerry Healy seconded the motion, motion approved.

B. SDAO Conference Report

Gary, Marv, Don and Jerry attended the Conference. The Special District Conference relates to Districts all over the State of Oregon. There were almost 400 people there.

They had motivational speakers and they had break-out sessions with several different topics that you can choose from. Jerry and Don both said they felt they got a lot out of the break-out sessions. Don felt the evenings were good for socializing and getting to know people from other Districts throughout the State. Marv said he learned a lot from the Legislative Summary, they tried to present Measures 66 and 67 in a non-political way and how they thought the Measures will affect different Districts.

C. PNWA – Trip to DC

Gary, Don and Joe will be attending the PNWA Conference the end of February and first week of March. There will be meetings about waterway systems and energy programs. They will also be meeting with our Representatives regarding specific requests we are trying to get assistance on. Gary provided the Commissioners with an updated schedule from the Corps of Engineers of lock closure from December 2009 thru March 2010, these are generally 2 week outages except for a couple who have 3 week outages. The second schedule is the 4 month closure that will be December 2010 through March 2011. There will be discussion of how to work around this closure.

D. Confirmation of Budget Committee Members

There were three Budget Committee Member positions that needed to be filled. Greg Barron and Dick Graham have been reappointed by the appropriate Commissioners and Lianne Currin has been newly appointed. The existing Budget Committee Members are Joel Peterson and Kevin Taylor.

Don Russell moved to approve the three members. Joe Taylor seconded the motion, motion approved.

The first Budget Meeting will be in April.

E. Other

Gary provided a draft of the Traffic Agreement with ODOT for the Commissioners review. If action needs to be taken prior to next meeting Gary said he will call for a special meeting.

Gary informed the Commissioners that Senator Ron Wyden will be here on February 21st for a public meeting.

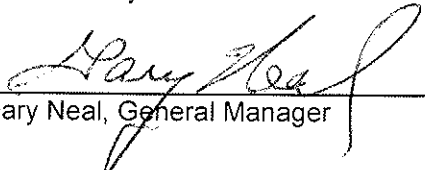
V. STAFF REPORTS

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

There being no further business, the regular session was adjourned at 4:10 pm.

Executive Session under Leases and Legal Action – ORS 192.660

Submitted by:



Gary Neal, General Manager



Marvin Padberg, Commission President