

**Port of Morrow**  
**Regular Commission Meeting**  
March 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, 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 – February 10, 2010**

Joe Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2010 regular meeting. Don Russell seconded the motion, motion approved.

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group**

They have completed the strategic plans for all three communities; they will now work on putting the groups together and coming up with a strategic plan that incorporates all of South Willow Creek Valley.

They are still working on housing, have completed some surveys to try and determine what to build and how much it will cost.

They have been trying to get the water level at the dam raised.

They are trying to get funding through Capeco to get training in the medical facility.

**B. Rail**

• **Connect II project –**

Ron said we have received approval from Union Pacific on the 30% design criteria, which allows UP to move forward with signaling costs and the final should be done by the end of this month. We will then be working towards our contract documents, which need to be complete by April 30th. Lisa said we plan to be out for bid the first week of May and starting construction on the project by June 10<sup>th</sup>.

• **ARRA Rail Close-out –**

Ron reported there have been 4 or 5 inspections since the last meeting and we are just waiting on the paperwork to close it out.

**C. T2 Update**

Gary said Steve Lawn is working diligently and seems to be moving forward. Further conversation will take place in Executive Session.

**D. LRA**

The LRA Committee met here on the 25<sup>th</sup> of February. They are looking at what the consensus is and how they might move forward with a recommendation for utilization of the Depot. They are hoping to have a conclusion at the next meeting. There is a large portion of land that is going to be considered for the Oregon Guard and another portion that is being considered for the Fish and Wildlife Department for habitat preservation. There is a portion of land located in Umatilla County that is being considered for commercial and industrial purposes. In Morrow County there is some rail property that is set aside for future use. There is still some discussion of the boundary line for the National Guard. There is discussion regarding some buildings and who might utilize them and for what future purposes. There is also a portion of land in the Northwest corner outside of the fenced area that may be available to the Port.

Lisa said the LRA has requested Joe give a presentation on surplus property issues at the next meeting March 18th.

Lisa also reported that we have Tangent services doing some mapping of the rail and they are ready to give a presentation on that, Lisa has asked for some time on the next agenda. They will probably give their presentation at the March or April meeting.

**E. Warehouse Expansion**

Lisa said the building should be ready for temporary occupancy by the end of the week. They are finishing the electrical work and are waiting for a motor for the exhaust fans. They have some concrete clean-up to do and they have some finish work outside on the truck ramp.

**F. PNWA Mission to Washington**

Don, Joe and Gary attended PNWA in Washington D.C., where they met with Congressional Leaders. As usual it was a busy schedule but they feel they got quite a bit accomplished.

Don said he was able to visit briefly with Peter DeFazio at the Taste of the Northwest reception; he was very interest in the ZeaChem cellulosic Bio-Refinery. He asked Don to forward information on it to his office.

They all felt that there was a lot more acceptance of hydro-power than there has been in the past.

**G. Other**

Don suggested we add the NFA Status back on the Agenda. Ron said the Water Resources Department should be done with their annual testing so he will try and schedule sampling in a couple of weeks. Gary asked Ron to find out from the Corps if they have any projections on the status.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Federal Appropriation Requests**

Gary went over the Federal Appropriation Requests with the Commissioners. There are three projects we are trying to secure Federal Assistance on. The first one is a two million gallon water storage tank for the East Beach Industrial Park, the second project is a waste water storage pond and the third project is a steam line from Coyote Springs Power Plant to Lamb Weston's main plant.

**B. HB 2001 Agreements**

Gary said he was hoping the Agreement would be here for the Commissioner's consideration, but it did not arrive.

**C. Federal Pilot Project Agreement**

Gary asked for approval of the Local Agency Agreement. It is an additional Grant on the Connect II project, which because it is Federal money it will require additional cultural review work. Lisa said the additional money will be used for the Northwest Container Site.

Joe Taylor moved to approve the Local Agency Agreement, Jerry Healy seconded the motion, motion approved.

**D. Other**

Jerry Healy said a few words in remembrance of our friend and co-worker Nate Arbogast.

Gary said he talked to Tim Mabry and Kim Puzey regarding having a joint Port workshop at the end of this month, Tim was going to check with their Commission and get back with me him on a definite date.

Gary told the Commissioners that ZeaChem is planning their ground breaking ceremony the first of June.

Gary reminded the Commissioner's of the PGE meeting that will be held here at the Port on April 8<sup>th</sup> from 4pm – 6pm.

Gary said the Corps of Engineers is having a briefing on Dam safety in regards to McNary, Lower Monumental and Ice Harbor Dams on March 17<sup>th</sup> in Umatilla at the Desert Inn, from 1 to 2 pm.

Gary gave the Commissioners a copy of a letter from Morrow County Planning regarding issues associated with the property adjoining Tower Road.

Ron shared that we are in the first week of lock closure; he said they will be working on T3 during this time.

Gary asked Ron how the Interchange Area Management Plan is going. Ron said they need to finish the solicitation items for ODOT. Ron said they are going to have one or two representatives from the City, County, Port and ODOT on the committee to go through recommendations for which consultant we will use. Gary said he would like it to get started within the next month or so.

Gary said we are working with the County regarding re-routing issue on Laurel Lane associated with the work the City is going to be doing on the overpass. Gary said he is hoping to be able to widen Laurel Lane and participate in an overlay.

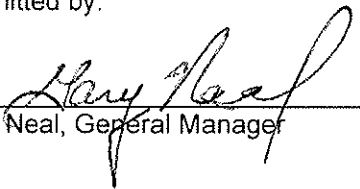
**V. STAFF REPORTS**

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

There being no further business, the regular session was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

**Executive Session under Leases and Legal Action – ORS 192.660**

Submitted by:

  
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Gary Neal, General Manager

  
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Marvin Padberg, Commission President