

**Port of Morrow
Regular Commission Meeting**

April 21, 2011
#2 Marine Drive, Riverfront Center
Boardman, OR. 97818

PRESENT

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

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 Marv Padberg at 1:30 pm.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 9, 2011

Don Russell made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2011 regular meeting. Jerry Healy seconded the motion, motion approved.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 31, 2011 Special Meeting

Don Russell made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 31, 2011 special meeting. Jerry Healy seconded the motion, motion approved.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group

John Edmundson was here to report on behalf of the Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group.

They are still working on housing issues and they are continuing to work on the combined strategic plan.

John also informed us that Heppner has been selected as the point of origin for the Oregon State Bikeway Route, a 108 mile bike route.

B. Rail – Connect II project

Ron reported that the contractor finished all that he could do last night. We are waiting for the UP to make their connections to the mainline, before we can tie into it.

As of now they are scheduled to be here in May 16th. The materials are being delivered now. Once all the materials are here a UP rep will come and inspect the materials and confirm the start date.

The office is in place and they are framing the other building now. We are bringing water and sewer off of Lewis and Clark and UEC should be there the first of next week.

C. T3 – Connect III

Ron said the project was done ahead of schedule and under budget. The Contractor finished before the locks opened. There are a few small details to finish up. The last of the pieces for the brake system for the crane should be shipped on Monday. We still need to acquire the super chassis. The container handler will be delivered July 10th. Once these details are finished this project can be closed out.

D. Transload III

Lisa said the 110,000 sq ft building with 2500 sq ft office space is now complete and all units are leased out to ConAgra Morrow Cold Storage, Tredit Tire & Wheels and ConAgra Lamb Weston.

E. SAGE Center update

Ron said Mark is working with the Mechanical, Electrical and Architects to get him the last of the information he needed. Last week they came to a resolve on the dimensions of the building, he has the bottom floor done. The foundation is ready to go to Ben so he can revise those plans and the second floor and the atrium are done. He is now working on the upper level.

F. Other

Gary and Don attended PNWA, Mission to Washington. Gary reported that Congress made it clear that there is no money available. They said \$.40 of every \$1.00 is interest on the debt and earmarks are no longer in place.

There was discussion on the highway reauthorization for gas tax.

They met with all congressional delegations from the Northwest with the exception of one from Idaho.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. RC&D Update – Joe Taylor

Joe reported that Congress has eliminated Federal funding for the RC&D. They have some projects that bring in some funding but not enough to maintain a full-time staff.

Joe said they need to decide if they will continue functioning as a 501 C-3 or if they will fold up shop. It was Joe and Lisa's recommendation that Joe vote to disband the council, all Commissioner's were in agreement

B. Legislative Update

Gary reminded the Commissioner's the Legislative Video Conferencing is the first and third Wednesday of the month. Lisa went over some of the issues and projects that were discussed during the last update.

C. Strategic Plan

Gary asked the Commissioner's to suggest some dates that would work for them for a Strategic Plan Workshop. All were in agreement that the 24th of May would be a good day. Gary suggested next year we hire a Consultant to help update our Strategic Plan.

D. Other

None

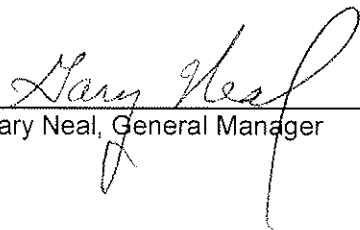
V. STAFF REPORTS

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

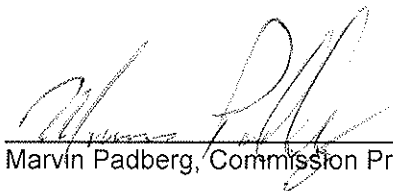
There being no further business, the regular session was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Executive Session under Leases and Legal Action – ORS 192.660

Submitted by:



Gary Neal, General Manager



Marvin Padberg, Commission President