

Port of Morrow
Regular Commission Meeting
July 12, 2011
#2 Marine Drive, Riverfront Center
Boardman, OR. 97818

PRESENT

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

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 3:00 pm.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 8, 2011

Joe Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2011 regular meeting. Larry Lindsay seconded the motion, motion approved.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group

Sheryll Bates said they are still working on the combined strategic plan and housing issues.

She thanked Gary and Ron for offering to complete a flood plain survey on the land they are thinking about building a senior housing facility on. They already have someone who has offered to manage the facility. Their thoughts are if they provide a home that would fit the lifestyle for the seniors that it would open up the homes they are now occupying.

B. Rail – Connect II project

Ron said we are still waiting on Union Pacific for the signaling to have service off of the mainline into Northwest Container facility. Both of the turn-outs have been installed and are waiting on signaling to be done so they can be utilized. September 20th is still the target date for having the signals operational and our new service accessible.

C. T3 – Connect III

Nothing new to report, we are still waiting for the crane company to come back and finish the brakes on the crane.

Lisa said the container handler should be here the end of July or first of August. We still have 3 or 4 chassis to purchase and a little concrete work to complete.

D. SAGE Center update

Gary said the sign on the freeway is up. Bids are out for rebar and concrete and concrete finishing. We are finishing the sewer lines and water lines on site. The plumbing and electrical drawings should be ready to go out for bids next week.

Ron is done with the structural calculations. The footings should be in by September along with the plumbing and electrical.

E. LRA Update

There is nothing new to report at this time.

F. Other

Ron went over the results of the monitoring well tests that he had completed in order to show a trend with the higher ground water levels at the Heppner Mill site. Marv asked Ron to prepare a graph showing the trend of each monitoring well.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Airport Consultant Recommendation

Don, Gary and Lisa interviewed three consultants to supply engineering for airport projects. The FAA requires us to go through a formal request in order to make any changes to our engineering consultant. They were each ranked on a series of questions based on recommendations from the FAA. J-U-B Engineering, WH Pacific and Century West is the order in which they were ranked. We now need to develop a scope of work for what we plan to do and then negotiate with our priority consultant which is J-U-B Engineering. We will sit down with them and look at the scope of work and develop a cost estimate. If the costs are reasonable we will make a recommendation for the Port to hire that consultant.

B. PNWA Mid-Year Conference Report

Gary gave a report on the PNWA mid-year conference which he and all Commissioners except Joe attended. He said the Executive Director of PNWA announced his retirement and his replacement will take office in November. There was a lot of discussion on fish issues. They also talked about the treaty with Canada regarding the Columbia River flows. Marv, Larry, and Don also reported on some of the topics they were particularly interested in.

C. Legislative Session Discussion

Gary said he has scheduled a meeting at noon on August 10th with Greg Smith to come and give an update.

D. Amendment Number 2 to HB2001 Agreement

Joe Taylor moved to approve the Second Amendment to the Oregon Jobs and Transportation Act of 2009 Agreement Number 26457, allowing payment for materials on hand prior to completion of the Interchange Area Management Plan. Don Russell seconded the motion. Motion approved.

E. Other
None

V. STAFF REPORTS

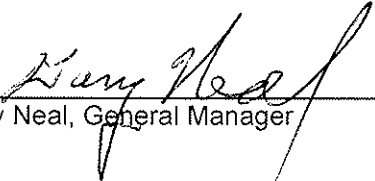
Building use, container activity and water usage were all discussed.

The regular meeting was recessed to executive session at 4:05 pm.


Executive Session under Leases and Legal Action – ORS 192.660

There being no further business, the regular session was adjourned at 5:25 pm.

Submitted by:



Gary Neal, General Manager



Marvin Padberg, Commission President

