

Port of Morrow
Regular Commission Meeting
July 14, 2010
#2 Marine Drive, Riverfront Center
Boardman, OR. 97818

PRESENT

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

Staff: Gary Neal, Lisa Mittelsdorf, Eileen Hendricks, Ron McKinnis, Dori Drago and Justin Recore.

Others: As listed on sign-in sheet

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

The regular session was called to order by Marvin Padberg at 1:30 pm.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 9, 2010

Joe Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 9, 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 WCVEDG to give an update; however, they did email a memo to Gary with the projects they are working on. The memo indicated they are still working on houses and services needed for the wind farm industry they are also continuing to work on the strategic plan for the South Willow Creek Valley Communities. There will be someone here to report at the next Commission meeting.

Gary said he will be speaking at the next Heppner Chamber meeting on July 22nd at noon.

B. Rail – Connect II project

Lisa reported we are 95% complete on our final plans and our specifications for the project. We are expecting bid documents by Friday and it should be advertised next Monday. There is a mandatory pre-bid conference on August 3rd and bid openings will be on August 12th. The bid should be awarded by the first of September. Lisa anticipates the project will be complete by January 30, 2011.

C. LRA

Items to be discussed in Executive Session.

D. RDC – Resource Demonstration Center update

The next RDC Committee meeting is scheduled for 1pm on July 22nd. Don requested the time be changed to earlier in the day.

Lisa provided the Commissioners with a flyer describing the RDC Facility. Gary said we are ready to start with the site prep off the freeway right of way but have to wait for freeway warning signs that have to be installed prior to any excavation. The signs should be here in a couple weeks.

E. PNWA Conference

Marv, Don, Jerry, Larry and Gary all attended the PNWA Mid-Year Conference. They said, as usual, it was a good conference. The main focus was the Columbia River system, specifically lock closure and the jetty improvements at the mouth of the Columbia River.

F. Other

Joe asked about the PGE power line meeting. Gary said there were a lot of farmers there that were concerned about the impact it will have on their circles.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Westwood Shipping Service to Portland

This is a direct call to Japan, it ships once a month. Their goal is to ship two times a month. They made their first call last Sunday loading a couple hundred containers on their vessel. Once the channel is finished they will be able to add another 10%-15%.

B. Other

Marv said Karen Pettigrew, Diane Wolfe and Dean Kegler came to lone then are headed to Lexington and Heppner. They were finding out what each community has to offer. They are compiling information to make a flyer to give to people moving to the area hoping to keep them within the County. Marv also commended ZeaChem for wanting to hire locally.

Ron went over the test results for the monitoring wells. He said it is trending in a good direction, but still has a long way to go. The baselines are from April 2009. Gary asked Ron to graph the April 2009 through July 2010 results and email them to the Commissioners and the Consultant.

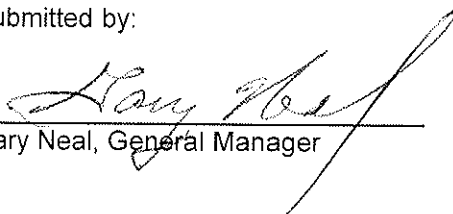
V. STAFF REPORTS

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

There being no further business, the regular session was adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Executive Session under Leases and Legal Action – ORS 192.660

Submitted by:



Gary Neal, General Manager



Marvin Padberg, Commission President