

MORROW RE:PORT

A Newsletter from the Port of Morrow

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Briefly....

Riverfront Center had another successful and busy year in 2006. Over 14,000 people attended one function or another at the center.

Besides the usual daily business meetings, there were weddings, quinceneras, state association meetings, business retreats and end of year parties. We even had a scrapbooking club from Washington book a room for three days and the report back was they had a blast doing their projects in such a beautiful setting.

Give Elaine a call at 481-7678 to book your next meeting or event.

REMINDER!

Regular Port Commission Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at the Riverfront Center @ 1:30 p.m.

Your visits and comments are welcome.

The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to Carmen Velasco, (541) 481-7678.

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ACTIVITY AROUND THE PORT

This issue of Morrow Re:Port will show you the progress of several projects that are in the works in the different areas of our industrial park.

If you have not been out by Oregon Hay recently, you will be surprised at all the activity in the East Beach park area. We reported last year about the 18,000 foot rail spur that was being installed. The addition of the rail spur has drawn a lot of interest and there are various projects being built in and around it.

At this time there is an ethanol plant and a potato processing plant being built and concrete has been poured for a new warehouse distribution facility.

The Port is currently in the process of installing over \$6 million dollars in infrastructure that includes roads, water, sewer and wastewater lines and a collector well, with assistance from the State of Oregon Economic Development and Oregon Department of Transportation.



POM water tower with new paint and lettering. The building behind is the new expansion of Morrow Cold Storage.



PACIFIC ETHANOL

Construction has started on the 40 million gallon per year ethanol plant. The plant should be in production around June-July 2007.

The ethanol facility will provide ethanol for the Pacific Northwest gasoline markets. It is expected that the plant's distillers grains will be sold to the local Oregon and Washington dairy and feed markets.

Once the ethanol plant is operational, it will employ 34 additional workers. The plant will be in production 24 hours a day.



MORROW COLD STORAGE

The company has completed their 75,000 square foot expansion to the southwest corner of the existing warehouse.

The frozen storage capacity is now approximately 120 million pounds with over 300,000 square feet and 8,400,00 cubic feet of zero degree warehouse space.

The entire storage facility includes 50 foot wide refrigerated docks, also an ammonia refrigeration system with off-site monitoring. It is open Monday-Friday, 24 hours a day.

The shipping department operates 24 hours a day and weekends as needed. They have 20 truck spots and 4 rail spots with an eleven car private spur.



RDO- CALBEE FOODS, LLC, a Japanese-American partnership has broken ground for a potato processing plant on 16 acres located in the East Beach expansion.

It will produce potato dough, freeze it, and then ship it to Japan, where it will be converted to snack food by Calbee. It will be a dry snack like a chip.

The project's first phase will be a 70,000 square foot building, including an office, where workers will process potatoes. The plant is expected to employ around 90 when it is completed next August.

This will be phase 1 of a multi-phase project. The partnership hopes to acquire additional acreage for cold storage and to enlarge the production facility. Phase II would not begin until the plant has been operating at least a year or so.



TRANSLOAD FACILITY

Work has started on an 80,000 square foot building on 18 acres located in the East Beach expansion. This will be divided into three sections for warehouse distribution. Cascade Specialties will be the new tenant.



COLUMBIA RIVER PROCESSING

The expansion added 65,000 square feet to the 85,000 square foot plant making it a bit larger than the Tillamook plant, which is about 145,000 square feet. Before the expansion, the plant could produce 55.3 million pounds of cheese and 160 million pounds of concentrated whey per year. The total cheese production in 2003 totaled 46 million pounds.

At capacity, the plant is expected to make 130 million pounds of cheese a year. They will use 1.5 million pounds of milk annually, or about 175,000 gallons per day in 20 loads from contract haulers.



Columbia River Processing. Expansion is shown on the left.

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