

MINUTES
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
JULY 19, 2005
PORT OF ASTORIA COMMISSION CHAMBERS

Chairman Larry Pfund called the Regular Meeting to order and took roll call

Commissioners present: Larry Pfund, Dan Hess, Don McDaniel, and Jim Bergeron.
Glenn Taggart is excused.

Staff present: Peter Gearin, Bill Cook, Ron Larsen, Esther Jones, and Port Attorney Heather Reynolds.

Others present: See sign in sheet.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA. Chairman Pfund called for changes to the agenda. No changes were noted.

SWEARING IN – COMMISSIONER ELECTS: The Port's attorney, Heather Reynolds did the swearing in of commission elects present: Daniel Hess was sworn to Port Commission, Position 5 and Lawrence Pfund, in the Port Commission, Position 1.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS. Dan Hess made a motion to appoint to new President, Jim Bergeron, Vice President Don McDaniel, Secretary, Glenn Taggart, Treasurer, himself, and Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, Larry Pfund. Don McDaniel seconded the motion. The Ayes carried unanimous. The mallet was transferred to Bergeron.

PRESENTATIONS: Bradwood LNG. Si Garrett, chief executive officer of Northern Star Natural Gas, began with his presentation of the company's proposal to build a liquefied natural gas receiving terminal in Bradwood, on the northwestern edge of Puget Island. Pre-filing paperwork has already been submitted to the Federal energy Regulatory Commission. The actual application is due to be submitted in September.

He explained to the group of how the project would improve existing roads. Many other issues at hand were covered such as, dredging, exclusion zones, the trip from the Columbia River bar to the site and the length of time it would take to get there. Questions from the audience were answered for them.

Salmon For All presentation was delayed until the next regular meeting, August 16, 2005.

MINUTES: Workshop, June 14, 2005
 Budget Hearing, June 14, 2005
 Regular Meeting, June 21, 2005

Chairman Bergeron called for the approval of minutes. Commissioner McDaniel excused himself from voting being not being at the workshop and budget meeting. Bergeron corrected his report in the regular meeting of June 21st. The compensation of \$25 million from the M/V NEW CARISSA went to the state of Oregon. They intend to use it for damage to the Marbled Murralets. The private forests lands the state buys with the money will be used as a reserve for the birds. Commissioner Dan Hess made the motion to approve the minutes mentioned. Seconded by commissioner Pfund. The Ayes carried unanimously, and with abstention noted by Commissioner McDaniel.

VOUCHERS: Commissioner Hess reviewed the vouchers for the month of June, moved to approve them. Don McDaniel seconded the motion and the vouchers were approved. Ayes carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comment was opened to the floor, and former commissioner for 24 years, Al Rissman stood up stating the present commission was "exactly right" in the ongoing dredging operations currently at hand, calling it "mother nature". According to him, The Port of Astoria was doing a good job.

Peter Huhtala, a port commission candidate in last spring's election, submitted a resolution for the commission to consider regarding the dredging situation. Many suggestions were listed on his resolution. A couple of items on the document were in the areas of water quality, timely applications, and how the aquatic resources depend on clean water. Commissioner McDaniel spoke in defense of the commissioners' and the port's actions. Huhtala asked the commission to deny any intentional discharges. Commissioner McDaniel responded the port is working with counsel at this time, and will only comment on the situation after that. The port did not take any action on the resolution.

CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-27 – LEGAL DEFENSE POLICY

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-28 – AUTHORIZING LEGAL DEFENSE

APPROVAL – FAA GRANT, FUEL SYSTEM – AIRPORT

APPROVAL – DESIGN/BUILD AGREEMENT – FISHER & SONS, BORNSTEIN PROJECT

Chairman Bergeron asked if anyone had any questions on the items on the consent agenda. Commissioner McDaniel moved to approve the consent agenda, Commissioner Hess seconded the motion. The Ayes carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO MISSION STATEMENT – STRATEGIC PLAN. Newly appointed commission President, Jim Bergeron read the mission statement. Commissioner McDaniel made a motion to approve the changes to the document from “creation of family-wage jobs” to “creation of sustainable employment”. Bergeron seconded the motion approving the change. The Ayes carried unanimously.

CALENDAR. Gearin stated the only thing on the calendar is the workshop on August 9th and the regular meeting, August 16th.

COMMISSION REPORTS. Peter Gearin reported on long time receivables by tenants that are behind in paying their rent and are being dealt with. One was given notice to vacate.

Commissioner McDaniel – reporting he has been to many meetings recently: ODOT (8th Street and Commercial Street, and Marine Drive), a bio-diesel workshop, a CEDC dinner, a transportation meeting (Parkway), the Lektro groundbreaking ceremony, a state wide area transportation meeting, NW Oregon Economic Alliance meeting, a presentation to the Seaside city council and tourism, and Chamber of Commerce meeting. Included in those meetings were updates to county and port plans on tourism.

More discussion on the dredging situation ensued. Bergeron noted he brought it up to the Columbia Solutions and hopefully will get somewhere with it. Al Rissman also mentioned that the state claims ownership to all submerged land and how they wrote a letter to the state once informing them “their silt is down here in Astoria, and come and get it.”

Commissioner Pfund mentioned how quotas are affecting the fishermen now a days, and the free market allowed to run it’s course.

Commissioner Bergeron also reported that the Ocean Policy Advisory committee recently had a meeting and passed a resolution on ocean aqua culture and all the environmental issues. Other issues: marine sanctuaries as where they are going to be, though, they need to decide, if they will have them first.

Bergeron also mentioned, the IFQ workshop, put together by the port, with Dr. Susan Hanna from Oregon State University what quotas are around the world and how they affect communities and processors. He mentioned how Jay Bornstein commented on the quotas in Canada and how they bring the processors and the fishermen together.

OTHER REPORTS

Ron Larsen, Astoria Regional Airport manager reported on the Lektro construction project. Working on permits with the city of Warrenton. The site is at the 100 year

flood plane and the level of the site is 7.3 feet (should've been 8ft). Asking the city for a variance to build the floors all on the same level. Hoping to have the permit by the end of the week.

The water main project going well; pipe in the ground. Moving right along. The fuel tanks have been ordered and should be ready for inspection sometime in August/September. Everything will be ready when they arrive. More discussion followed on details of where they will go.

Jay Bornstein commented on the piles that are being pounded into the ground at his new facility here.

Bill Cook added the Englund Marine site is coming around smoothly. Should be open by this fall.

With no other business to discuss, the regular meeting was adjourned.