

PORT OF ASTORIA

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 11, 2009

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

President Larry Pfund called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and took roll call.

Persons present were:

Commissioners: Larry Pfund, President; Bill Hunsinger, Vice President; Floyd Holcom, Treasurer; and Dan Hess, Alt. Secretary/Treasurer.

Staff: Jack Crider, Executive Director

Janet Farstad

2. PURPOSE

2.A. Interview potential candidates for Commission vacancy

A Commissioner vacancy was declared after accepting the resignation of Commissioner Kathy Sanders. The public was informed of this vacancy and invited to apply for the position. Twelve persons choose to apply. The Commissioners will ask the same ten questions to each applicant and then ask other questions as a result of their resume or interest. Upon completing the evaluations, the 12 applicants will be narrowed to 3 and invited to Tuesday's meeting to make a final presentation. It is expected that the Commission will vote on the candidate to fill the vacancy at the Tuesday nights meeting. The same ten questions to each applicant are:

1. Ability to serve (time requirements)?
2. Education?
3. Length of Residence in Clatsop County?
4. Governmental board experience?
5. Private business experience?
6. Professional experience?
7. Knowledge of Port activities?
8. Knowledge of current issues?
9. Team building experience?
10. Why do you want to be a Port Commissioner?

Scoring: 1-Poor, 2-Below Average, 3-Average, 4-Above Average, 5-Outstanding

CHRIS CONNAWAY

1. Has a full time job that may pose conflicts at time. Employer is very supportive of application and expects time to be manageable. Moving meetings to 6:00 pm would be appreciative and also allow more public participation.
2. High School
Berkley College for 2 years majoring in engineering and minor in business.
Clatsop Community College for welding.
Real Estate exam passed.
Music background from Riverside schools as part of public education.
3. Since 1970

4. Water District Assistant Supervisor – know process of politics and dealing with boards and state government. Nothing elective.
5. Have worked for others mostly, mid 1970-1980 bought houses, fixed and sold (flipped). Developed maintenance program for Water District.
6. Will bring to Port knowledge of real estate, worked for Port on dredging and docks – have knowledge.
- 7 & 8. Know construction of docks, fixing docks is important. Cruise ships are an asset, people love Astoria. Railroad would be an asset, people love railroads. Tongue Point very important to acquire. DSL issue is huge and needs to be resolved.
9. Softball team – always had been a team player. Won't bring controversy to table. Thinks the Port is more straightforward since hiring Jack Crider.
10. Would like to give back to the community, wants to be involved, exciting time for the Port.

Bill Hunsinger asked his vision for the Port.

Chris said jobs in maritime industry are a gold mine. Tongue Point has unlimited possibilities.

Floyd Holcom mentioned that Chris has applied 3 times for Commissioner.

3. BOARD CONCERNS

Commissioner Hunsinger stated his concern regarding Floyd Holcom's statement to applicants of "joy having them on the board" as insinuating that the person would be appointed. He cautioned making such statements.

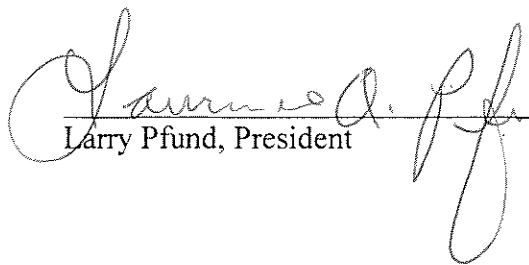
Commissioner Holcom responded that each commissioner has an opinion but the vote will decide who is appointed. The statement was his way of thanking them for submitting an application, not insinuating that they would be appointed.

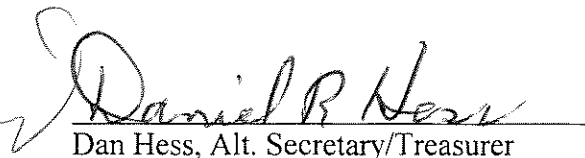
4. ADJOURN at 7:15pm

Submitted by Janet Farstad

APPROVED:

ATTEST:


Larry Pfund, President


Dan Hess, Alt. Secretary/Treasurer