

## PORT OF ASTORIA

### SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 18, 2009

#### I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL.

President Larry Pfund called the Regular Meeting to order at 4:35 pm and took roll call.

Persons present were:

Commissioners: Larry Pfund, President; Floyd Holcom, Treasurer; Dan Hess, Alt. Secretary/Treasurer; and Jack Bland

Staff: Jack Crider, Executive Director

Also present were Janet Farstad and Lori Durheim

News Media: Cassandra Profita, The Daily Astorian, and Jeff Nelson, Radio KAST

#### II. MINUTES

Regular Meeting, May 19, 2009

Special Meeting, May 28, 2009

Special Meeting, June 9, 2009

Special Meeting June 10, 2009

Budget Committee Meeting, June 11, 2009

Special Meeting, June 12, 2009

Commissioner Hess moved to approve all the minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Holcom. Vote yes was Commissioners Pfund, Holcom and Hess. Commissioner Bland abstained as he was not yet appointed to the Commission and did not attend the meetings.

#### III. STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN.

Noted that the decision is between two finalists, Makers and Maul Foster.

Discussion ensued:

- Project is being driven by the state for completion by all ports. Fundamental vision is normally 10-20 years. Outside influence is Columbia dredging which can cause increase to the Port of Astoria.
- Problem is restrictions that the state imposes, line log export ban.
- Need to capitalize on prior studies and where the Port has been in order to foresee the future goals.
- Makers are out of state and may not conform to consultant mold – same consultants giving same advice to all ports.
- Makers is expected to give reality based on market demands globally – a broad view. Maul Foster will understand state requirements better.
- Concern that Makers is high priced firm on a low budget and may try to cut corners.
- Last plan went from transportation to fishing cluster, question if the port should stay on fishing or branch out.

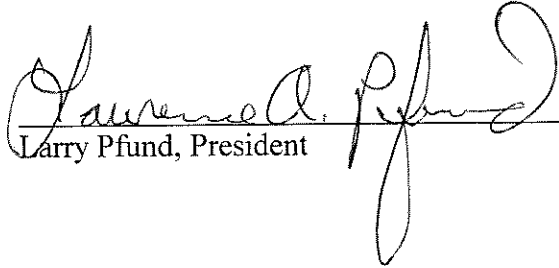
Commissioner Holcom moved to proceed to discuss contract with Makers and if not successful then go to Maul Foster, seconded by Commissioner Hess, and unanimously approved.

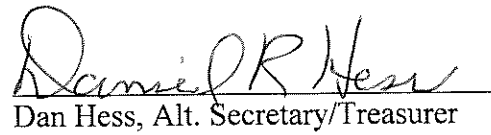
IV. ADJOURN at 5:10 pm.

Submitted by Janet Farstad

APPROVED,

ATTEST:

  
Larry Pfund, President

  
Dan Hess, Alt. Secretary/Treasurer