

MINUTES
PORT OF ASTORIA
SPECIAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 2, 2008
PORT COMMISSION CHAMBERS

The special meeting was called to order after the executive session.

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

Commissioners present: Chairman Pfund, Dan Hess, Floyd Holcom, Bill Hunsinger, and Kathy Sanders.

Staff present: Jack Crider and Ron Larsen. Also present, Lesle Palmeri.

Others present: See sign-in attendance sheet.

CONSENT DECREE AGREEMENT REPRESENTATION The consent decree representation has been discussed in the executive session earlier. It was agreed to send Commissioner Floyd Holcom. Question for the board members will be to decide to send one or two members of the board. Commissioner Holcom suggested Chairman Pfund describe the purpose of the consent decree. The meeting is with the U.S. Attorney General in Portland concerning legal issues facing the port.

Chairman Pfund continued to explain. The consent decree is concerning the 2005 dredge violations and our responsibility concerning fines with the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), the federal aspect. The meeting will be with their attorney, Neil Evans. Pfund has no problem with two commissioners going, though he understands the goal should be very focused on saving the taxpayers of Clatsop County money and that they take legitimate, legal points to make. Commissioner Sanders voiced her opinion that sending only one member of the board along with Director Crider and the port attorney is a good number of delegates. Commissioner Hunsinger added he would like to go because he has been looking into the matter for a long period of time. He also has the "language" and has the answers to the questions they may ask. Commissioner Hess had no doubt in his mind Commissioner Holcom should go, citing his previous experience with federal agencies. He believes he himself should not go. Continuing, he believes, along with the port's attorney, commissioners Holcom and Hunsinger should be the two to go. He added, since Chairman Pfund had been on the commission at the time and somewhat involved with the issues, he believed Pfund should not attend. Pfund agreed with Hess. He is encouraged that Holcom is paralleling his own thoughts. Holding on to the task at hand is critical. Sanders added she sees how she was outvoted on the

matter and her only concern is Commissioner Hunsinger's emotional stake on the issue and believed it would be difficult to be objective. She still believed Holcom and Hess should be selected. Discussion followed on a good day, according to Holcom's schedule. Thursday or Friday are good and are also available for Mr. Evans.

Commissioner Hess made a motion to send commissioners Holcom and Hunsinger to the consent decree agreement representation meeting, along with Executive Director Jack Crider. Commissioner Hunsinger seconded the motion. Four members of the board voted in favor of the motion, Commissioner Sanders voted no. Motion carried with majority vote. Commissioner Hess asked for a good report of the group.

There being no further business, the special meeting adjourned.