

PORT OF ASTORIA

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 27, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

President Hunsinger called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 pm and took roll call.

Persons present were:

Commissioners: Bill Hunsinger, President; Dan Hess, Secretary; Jack Bland, Treasurer; and Larry Pfund, Alt. Secretary/Treasurer (Commissioner Floyd Holcom, Vice-President, was absent during the business portion of the meeting but was in attendance via telephone conference during the Executive Session).

Staff: Jack Crider, Executive Director and Colleen Browne, Finance Manager

Also present was Janet Farstad, Special Projects

News Media: The Daily Astorian; Carrie Bartokius, North Coast Oregonian; and Jeff Nelson, KAST Radio

Guests: Dan Snitchler of Santa Maria Shipping, and Sign in Sheet

II. CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA - none

III. MINUTES

- Regular Meeting of July 21, 2009
- Special Meeting of July 30, 2009
- Special Meeting of August 11, 2009

Commissioner Pfund moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Hess and unanimously approved.

IV. FINANCIALS

A. Vouchers

Commissioner Hess moved to pay the bills, seconded by Commissioner Bland and unanimously approved.

B. Financial Reports

Colleen Browne noted that:

Budget for this fiscal year has not yet been entered into the accounting system.

Accounts Receivable Summary included details of explanations. July was a good month with \$76,000 in revenue. Carnival Cruise paid \$86,000 in June. Union Fish and West Bay payments have been received. Overbay has brought in a check but not in the full amount, they have a new manager that is being very co-operative who is cleaning up both the site and their accounts.

Accounts Payable Summary also includes details of explanations.

Internet site is based in Portland, cost \$85/mo and very slow. Jack Crider explained that the budget includes \$10,000 to get away from that site control and is in the process of moving it.

Thunderbird Restaurant building is looking good from repairs completed.

Commissioner Hess moved to approve the Financial Report, seconded by Commissioner Bland and unanimously approved.

V. SANTA MARIE SHIPPING-JOINT GRANT APPLICATION

Jack Crider went over the objective of joining with Santa Maria Shipping Company of Santa Rosa, California to jointly apply for \$24 million dollars of federal transportation department economic stimulus money (Tiger Grant) to build two small container ships.

Tiger Federal Grant:

- Federal Act spending is \$2.4 billion.
- Oregon is expected to receive \$2.4 million
- Minimum grant size is \$@0 million
- Eligible Projects would be Port infrastructure to connect the Port to other transportation modes.
- Selection criteria is improving economic competition; and reducing congestion and dependence on oil.
- Application is due September 15, 2009.
- Application concept would be:
 - Short seas demonstration project for small ports
 - Construction of 1-2, 400' vessels for 100 containers.
 - Two contain cranes located at Astoria Pier 1 West and in California TBD.
 - Grant is for west coast ports only.
 - Potential customers are Astoria Warehouse and Deals Only.
 - Includes railhead at Tongue Point
 - Cost is \$20-\$40 million
 - Santa Maria Shipping would be the operator of the Port owned ships.

Dan Snitchler of Santa Maria Shipping said the project includes job creation, ships will also go up the Columbia River to Lewiston, Idaho, now have signed up 100 boxes per week with most of the customers are trucking companies, and mobile cranes will be at the Port-not on the ships. It will take 9 months to build 2 vessels with a 14' draft. 5,000 container boxes a day go between Los Angeles and Portland/Seattle, haul by boat would take 2 days. Vessels and staff will be home ported in Astoria. He already has a letter of support from ODOT that will help in the grant application. The project may also qualify for Connect Oregon grant funding.

The consensus of the commission was to proceed gathering information for the grant application.

VI. ODOT BRIDGE INSPECTION CONTRACT

Jack Crider explained the Intergovernmental Agreement Statewide Bridge Inspection between the State of Oregon (ODOT) and the Port of Astoria. Purpose of the Agreement is to inspect 37th Street Causeway at no cost for a ten-year period. Over the years \$17.5 million has been invested in the breakwall and the Port needs to be pro-active keeping it safe. The ODOT inspection reports may also open doors for funding of repairs. They will have detailed specifications for repairs needed.

Commissioner Bland moved to authorize Jack Crider to sign the ODOT Intergovernmental Agreement, seconded by Commissioner Hess and unanimously approved.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Lori Durham had two items of discussion:

1. The recreational salmon and tuna season has been excellent, but has caused the dumpsters to be overflowing.
Jack Crider said the garbage truck picks up 3 times a week but the location of the dumpster needs to be changed. It's in an area that gets parked in and then the garbage truck cannot pickup. Congestion at the fish cleaning tables is also a problem when the fishing is so good.
2. OR LNG lawsuit amendment was questioned.
Jack Crider could not comment due to litigation.

VIII. RECESS at 6:50 TO EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH

ORS 192.660 (2)(e) TO CONDUCT REAL PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS
ORS 192.660 (2)(h) CONSULT ATTORNEY REGARDING LITIGATION
Commissioner Holcom was in attendance via telephone conference.
Commissioner Pfund left at 8:30 pm during the Executive Session and was not present for reconvening of the meeting.

IX. RECONVENE SPECIAL MEETING at 8:45 pm.

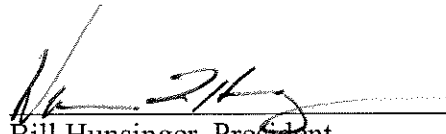
X. ADJOURN at 8:48 pm

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Hess, seconded by Commissioner Bland and unanimously approved by Commissioners Hunsinger, Hess, and Bland.

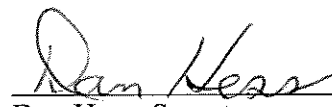
Submitted by Janet Farstad, Special Projects

APPROVED

ATTEST:



Bill Hunsinger, President



Dan Hess, Secretary

