

MINUTES
PORT OF ASTORIA SPECIAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 1, 2011
PORT COMMISSION CHAMBERS

Chairman Dan Hess called the Special Meeting to order and asked Director Jack Crider to take roll call.

Commissioners present: Bill Hunsinger, Dan Hess, Jack Bland, and Larry Pfund. Floyd Holcom is excused.

Staff present: Director - Jack Crider, Deputy Director, Herb Florer, and Administrative Assistant, Esther Jones.

Others present: See attendance sheet.

CAMERA SURVEILLANCE CONTRACT - Director Crider explained staff is recommending the port award the security contract to Security Professionals, headquartered in Vancouver, Washington for \$200,000, authorizing staff to enter into the contract.

For the purpose of discussion, Commissioner Bland made a motion to move forward approving the award of the Camera Surveillance contract. Commissioner Pfund seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Since the company is close by, work should be performed by their representatives from Vancouver. A presentation of the job has been given to staff according to Director Jack Crider. Chairman Hess asked if there were further questions. None was given.

The vote on the previous motion carried unanimously by the board.

CONNECT IV GRANT - Director Crider reported:

- Meeting Friday with the freight mobility group, in charge of Connect IV grant. Project wise, the Oregon Department of Transportation is moving forward with limited funds.
- Port submitted the Tiger grant totaling 4.5 million dollars in order to leverage the grant. Utilization of proceeds of a revenue bond for the same amount will total the 9 million dollars in project costs.
- Permitting wise, a mitigation proposal from Warrenton Fiber that will be presented to the commission next week. Dredging the area in the slip is planned before the samples taken that will be taken, three weeks from now. Results should be in by the 15th. Our hopes are that there are no contaminants.
- Fourteen ships this last year. The vision of more ships is coming short and will impact repayment of revenue bond and a longer term may be looked into. The pier 3 project will take additional time and more federal and state help.
- The Connect Oregon program I, II, and III has been a hundred million dollars each year and has funded 41 projects at an average size of 2.5 million dollars. Some sizeable projects totaling 4-5 million dollar projects.

- Pier 2, Connect II, was a successful project looking at funding repairing 400' of the face and east side of the pier with a cost of \$973,000 of grant and loans. Zero percent interest with a 20-year loan which costs the port \$15,000 a year for the loan.

Crider continued to explain how the Department of Transportation (ODOT) presents their projects around the state. The port's pier 2 shows before and after pictures and depicts a good example of what can be done with the money.

Reporting on the Connect IV only 40M and according to ODOT's Freight Mobility still wants to fund forty projects at 1M each. Highest ranking projects need to be permit ready, and able to connect the modes of transportation. Each project must be able to be completed. Due to lack of funds and considering the pier 3 project, is a high dollar project more suited to the Tiger grants, staff recommends we move ahead and finish the upgrades to pier 2 east, consisting of: replacing 675' of wood deck with concrete, replace jack stringers and caps with steel, bull rails, and fender piles, estimated at 1.2 to 1.4M. Applications are due on the 21st. Crider continued to explain that he thinks only one project is recommended to concentrate on at this time, considering the circumstances. Forty projects will be the number where the line will be drawn. Chairman Hess thought it was a good idea to move ahead. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Hunsinger made a motion to accept the Connect IV project to complete the Pier 2 project. Commissioner Bland seconded the motion. The vote carried unanimously.

Steve Fulton of Warrenton Fiber addressed the board on the Warrenton city commission meeting that he and Commissioner Bland attended regarding an application his company had submitted recently to the city to vacate a street surrounded by Warrenton Fiber property that is zoned high density residential (75-100 acres). The Warrenton Trails Association (unrelated to the agency's application) wrote a letter to the city asking them to stipulate Warrenton Fiber had given them an easement on another piece of property to build a trail. The city commission didn't accept the condition. He continued to explain the trails association has trails (on their design) for private property throughout the city, including Warrenton Fiber and port property as well, on the Skipanon peninsula. The material he brought to the port commission's attention is part of the July 2008 Warrenton Trails master plan. His concern is the area, crossing on the port's property, is marine industrial property and incompatible with heavy industrial use. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Hunsinger asked Fulton about the issue of business permits for guide boats. Fulton added the Warrenton Business Association, a city of Warrenton committee, is holding a meeting on the topic. Fulton added, in the beginning, the issue was originally enforceable to vessels carrying passengers for hire, excluding gill net boats.

Fulton also added he would like to thank port staff for their help in assisting the City of Warrenton with negotiations with the U.S. Coast Guard to move forward on the partnership for certification of the levees. The annual inspection that occurred this last summer was operational.

There being no further business, the Special meeting was adjourned.