

PORT OF CHELAN COUNTY
Board of Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
Confluence Technology Center – Methow Room
Wenatchee, WA 98801
January 21st, 2009
9:00 am

Present: Michael H. Mackey, President
Craig N. Larsen, Vice President
JC Baldwin, Secretary
Pete Fraley, Legal Counsel
Monica Lough, Internal Auditor
Ron Johnston-Rodriguez, Dir Economic Dev
Dayle Rushing, Property/Facilities Director
Laura Jaecks, CTC Building Director
Judy Bradford, Recording Secretary
Jon Eberle, Real Estate Consultant

Others: Steve Hair, KOHO Radio
Bill Stokes, Chelan County Citizen
Debby Thompson, North Central ESD
Yvette Davis, Wenatchee Business Journal
Pete Phillips, North Central ESD

Commissioner Michael Mackey called the meeting to order at 9:04 am noting this is a special meeting and no business may be discussed by the Commission except the agenda items appearing on the agenda published to media via e-mail at 6:56 am on Tuesday, January 20th, 2009.

Proposal to administer conversion of 500 Priuses to PHEVs

Ron Johnston-Rodriguez (RJR) distributed draft copies of the "Draft Proposal for Elements of the Vehicle Conversion & Education Component of a federally funded Northwest demonstration project to accelerate and integrate plug-in cars into the US Transportation System and Electric Grid", and briefly reviewed the main points with commissioners. This project would provide for the conversion of 300-500 existing government-owned Toyota Priuses into plug-in hybrid electric vehicles which should serve as research and demonstration platforms operating in a variety of real-world applications and conditions throughout the Northwest.


The conversions would be done in a Port-owned facility by a private contractor and installed by certified technicians trained by The Green Car Company of Washington State. A training program for technicians, administrators and drivers associated with participating fleets will provide an educational component to advance project goals and efficiencies.

The Green Car Company intends to hire and train ten employees to convert the 500 vehicles over a 20 week period. It is anticipated that most, if not all, of these technicians will be retained on a permanent basis for other advanced vehicle/fleet projects pursued by The Green Car Company.

Discussion ensued with the following action taken:

Motion No. 01-10-09
Moved By: Craig N. Larsen
Seconded By: JC Baldwin
To direct staff to finalize the proposal as presented and submit, as determined appropriate, to federal agencies to be considered for federal economic stimulus funding. This project will come back to the commission for final approval. Motion Carried.

RJR will forward a copy of the final proposal to commissioners.

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Bill Stokes offered public comment on the proposal. He state the Port should get out of the car business. The future is all about batteries and the large car companies are busy figuring out the batteries. Stokes stated he did not see the benefit to the county for the Port to pursue this car business.

Review of Vacated College Space at the CTC

Commissioners recessed to tour the vacated college space in the CTC at 9:26 am. Regular session was reconvened at 10:08 am. Discussion ensued on the potential uses of the vacated space.

Jaecks briefly reviewed for commissioners unsolicited inquiries received for space in the CTC.

She also suggested the Port conduct local market research on the demand and availability of training facilities. She reviewed inquiries/interest she has received at the CTC for equipped training space.

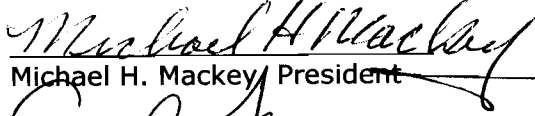
Discussion ensued.

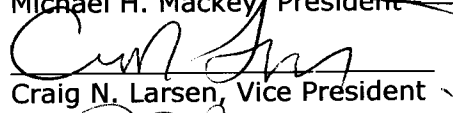
Port staff will seek a partner for a survey to determine the demand/need for equipped training facilities locally, develop a scope of work and a list of potential survey participants, and report back to the commission at a future commission meeting.

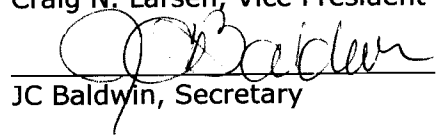
The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am with no additional action taken.




Approved and dated this 28th day of January, 2009.

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