

NEWS RELEASE

PORT OF CHELAN COUNTY
Meeting of the Port of Chelan County
Wednesday, June 18, 2008

June 18th Port of Chelan County Commission Meeting Highlights:

Items from Commissioners

Cashmere Airport Update

Commissioner Baldwin advised that a meeting will be held with Chelan County Commissioner Goehner, Community Development Director John Guenther, and representatives of the Cashmere Airport on June 26th to discuss airport issues. The port has allocated \$5,000 in its 2008 budget to match state and federal airport grants if the grants are well supported by the Cashmere community. Following that meeting the port will consider making those funds available to match a grant for land acquisition to expand the airport's clear zone, to rehabilitate a taxiway, and to crack and fog seal the runway to preserve the pavement.

Lake Chelan Airport update

Commissioner Mackey provided an update of the meetings with city of Chelan staff regarding public projects, the proposed marina and Lake Chelan Airport, and potential port funding. The current joint operating agreement (JOA) for the Chelan Airport vests the responsibility for day-to-day operations of the facility with the city of Chelan, resulting in a relatively limited port's role. The commission considered proposing amendments to the existing JOA to increase the port's role in managing the facility, and in doing so involving the Pangborn airport manager in this role. The commission deferred a decision on this until after a retreat is held with the Port of Douglas County on June 25th to consider a variety of Pangborn issues.

Confluence Technology Center Update

Laura Jaecks reported that the Leavenworth community wants to begin planning for video conferencing opportunities in their business area. A stakeholders meeting is planned for July 21st to discuss how this technology would work in Leavenworth.

Pangborn Airport

FAA Grant Offer: \$639,504 for Airport Capital Projects

The Commission formally accepted an FAA grant offer to fund several capital improvements projects included in the airport's master plan, including:

- Airfield Needs Study
- Access Controls for Terminal Building and the TSA
- Runway Crack Sealing

Joint Port Resolution: Property Acquisition

Pete Fraley briefly explained the reason both ports have elected to purchase the Angie Schall property, adjacent to Grant Road and north of Runway 25, including the protection that airport ownership would provide for Zones 1 and Zone 2 on Runway 25.

Director's Report

Storm Water Update

The port and Chelan County are discussing transfer of the ownership of the Olds Station storm water system which the port developed in 1998. The system serves several private properties, as well as right of ways owned by both the county and WSDOT. The port is proposing that, since the county has now created a storm water utility district for the Olds Station area, a transfer of ownership to the county will significantly reduce duplication of efforts and result in cost savings. The port is working with the county to assess the condition of the port-owned system and its compliance with state and federal regulations as a pre-condition to the transfer. Action on the transfer itself is not anticipated until Fall, 2008.

Economic Development Report

Prescribed Burn Council Report

Aimee Pope reviewed the initial and lasting economic affects of wildfires on tourism. The North Central Washington Prescribed Fire Council, initiating the effort, has asked the port to assist with potential legislation to increase effectiveness of prescribed burning in forest management practices. The commissioners directed port staff to take steps to coordinate with forest, fire and smoke management agencies on this issue and pursue possible legislation.

Property Director Report

Engineering fees for IB#5 Roof Repair and HVAC improvements*

Dayle Rushing briefly reviewed RH2 Engineers proposal for engineering work to update the HVAC system at the former JanSport facility on Olds Station Road. The engineer's work will total approximately \$40,000 and will include plans for applying a new membrane to the roof surface of the building. The commissioners approved the engineer's scope of services and directed staff to proceed with the project.

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