

Bill Stokes commented the FAA refrains from commenting on plans. It will react to the issuance of permits for the zoning change and the need for airport operational changes.

After discussion, commissioners agreed the Port needed to keep abreast of the situation, and voiced approval of Pat Moore's draft letter of comment to Douglas County Planning.

Mission Statement

It was generally agreed by Commissioners the "new economy" is different now than when the current Port mission statement was penned. A discussion of the current mission statement and how to express the Port's current mission ensued.

What facets of this county are the Port trying to develop? Retirees, medical facilities, tourism, family wage jobs, second homes becoming primary residences were all discussed.

Discussion centered on knowledge workers and entrepreneurs growing businesses and families where they live. Commissioners asked that training to be added to the port's mission statement, and to eliminate the second paragraph of the current Port mission statement. Commissioners requested the mission statement be rewritten to make the first paragraph shorter and more concise.

Opportunities for Investment

Discussion centered on businesses growing to serve the new businesses start-ups. Example: Yahoo and servers taken out of service. There is an opportunity for server recycling business.

Also, should consider projects that will help what the Port is doing to generate more business activity/new wealth, i.e. marina, trails, etc. Complete the package of amenities/offering to new potential businesses.

Discussion of providing jobs and economic development opportunities to Leavenworth, Chelan, Manson, Entiat, and Cashmere communities as the Port does in Wenatchee area. The Port needs an inventory of what is available: commercial and industrial zoned properties in the county. Staff will locate a map of available commercial and industrial zoned property and identify the infrastructure on the properties, developed or undeveloped, along with a notation of any distressed properties with difficult problems: i.e. water problems, ecology issues, etc.

Partnerships/Relationships

Commission consensus is to continue strengthening Port relationships one-on-one with County Commissioners, Mayors and planning departments in Chelan County. Keep abreast of property at Lake Chelan Airport for potential investment in infrastructure and development.

Port needs to invest where the Community sees the most opportunity for benefit.

Olds Station

Commission direction is to move forward and complete the beautification of Olds Station Business Park as outlined previously for commissioners. To give the OSBP a facelift with plantings along the streets, extend the irrigation, and freshen the signs.

Public Relations

Commission discussed reviving the Port's quarterly newsletter *Portside*, as a marketing and communication tool. Each commissioner will contribute to the newsletter content. A professional consultant, working with Port staff, will be retained for producing the newsletter.

Present Activities

A brief discussion ensued on the possible creation of a non-profit entity to spin off small technology businesses for research and development, and the potential development of a physical location for a collaborative research and innovation center. A building retrofitted for and utilized as a location for spin off technology start-up businesses growing out of the research and development done in

the advanced vehicle initiative and renewable energy clusters was discussed. A rough estimate of cost is about \$125,000.

Further discussion led to the consideration of a portion of the Port's industrial building #3, formerly the NCW Regional Library Service Center, as a good prospective site for such a research and innovation center.

Commissioners directed staff to further explore this potential idea and location.

Inventory Discussion

General discussion of the location of port building and property inventory, current and future; and what type of needs currently exist for building and land infrastructure, i.e. the wine industry and its need for a general purpose facility, i.e. central lab, inventory, grape processing, barrel storage etc.

Commissioners need more information on what needs exist in Chelan, Cashmere, Leavenworth, and Entiat, as well as Wenatchee. Staff directed to further explore recently received requests from members of the local wine industry and include one commissioner and legal counsel in the discussions.

The session recessed for lunch at 11:55 am, and reconvened at 12:35 pm.

Intergovernmental Relationships

After much discussion, commissioners expressed a desire to have the government and public agencies work more closely together on similar issues, particularly in the area of gaining support of legislators/congressmen for funding of local projects.

An advocacy group for Pangborn Memorial Airport was considered. Pangborn has long term capital funding to think about and plan for.

Commissioners will have private conversations with their counterparts at the county first to gauge the interest and lay some ground work.

The ideal would be to have a discussion item placed on the Council of Government's agenda regarding the possibility of governmental and public agencies pooling their efforts to gain legislative and congressional support for area projects. The Port needs to be more active and effective in its intergovernmental relationships. A capital program for Pangborn would be a good place to start.

Public Relations

After some discussion, it was directed that JC Baldwin will be the Commissioner overseeing the Port's public relations efforts. The Port will hire out the development and implementation of a Port marketing plan.

At the second regularly scheduled meeting of the month, once per quarter, Commissioners will meet for a budget and planning workshop. The next budget and planning workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, September 13th.

Ten items for action from today's discussion:

- 1) Create a map of Chelan County which notates the commercial and industrial properties available. Note distressed properties and why (environmental, water or other development challenges)
- 2) Move forward with a landscaping plan for Olds Station Business Park. Get it done.
- 3) Require the Chelan County PUD remove the osprey nest from the Peshastin property.

- 4) Refresh the Port mission statement eliminating the second paragraph entirely and updating the mission statement to the current focus of the Port.
- 5) Institute discussions with the winery industry folks regarding the need and location for a central wine storage facility
- 6) Work with other public/government agency staff and electeds to maximize the region's effectiveness with legislators and for funding
- 7) Reestablish the quarterly Port newsletter. Get the ball rolling with JRussell for production.
- 8) Within 30 days hire an assistant for Ron Johnston-Rodriguez/Economic Development Director
- 9) Develop a long-term and short-term capital projects list for the next quarterly planning session.
- 10) Move forward with plans to move Port administrative offices to the library building; and to use the library building as an innovation center.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:40 pm.

Dated and approved this 21st day of June, 2006.

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