

NEWS RELEASE

PORT OF CHELAN COUNTY
Commission Meeting
Wednesday, May 21, 2008

The following matters were discussed in the regular Commission meeting of May 21, 2008. If you have any questions, please contact Port Executive Director Mark Urdahl at (509)663-5159.

Community Indicators Contract Amendment

At the Port's January 16th meeting, Beth Stipe from the North Central Washington Community Foundation presented a request for \$10,000 in support of the Community Indicators project. At that time, the commissioners approved an initial payment of \$5,000, with an additional \$5000 available provided that the website include indicators for our smaller incorporated communities (at the time of the initial request, it was not clear whether data could be broken out and assembled for these communities). The website will have separate data sets for Chelan, Cashmere, Leavenworth and Wenatchee. Commissioners today approved the additional \$5,000 contingent upon data being collected specifically for Chelan, Cashmere, Leavenworth, and Wenatchee.

Option Agreement with Wenatchee School District regarding NCW Technology Center

Eastmont School District, the present host district of the NCW Technology Center (Skill Center) has requested an option to purchase two port buildings in which the Skill Center programs operate. Assuming funding for the purchase is made available by the state Legislature, the transaction is expected to close in July of 2009. The agreement approved today grants the Wenatchee School District the exclusive option to purchase Port Buildings 1 and 2 at 337 and 327 E. Penny Road in Wenatchee. If the state funding is received and the facilities are purchased, the state requires that the host district be that school district in which the facilities are located, thus, the Wenatchee School District would succeed Eastmont in this role. The project is a prime example of coordination and cooperation of multiple government agencies to accomplish job training at the high school level. It involves ten area school districts and the efforts of education agencies in Olympia and legislators who invested considerable time to make this opportunity happen.

Confluence Technology Center – Activity Update

US Online will be moving to privately owned space at the end of its lease on June 30th. The company has outgrown the space available within the CTC. The Washington State Department of Community Trade and Economic Development has requested additional space for a growth management staff person starting on July 1st.

Wenatchee Valley College is in discussions with CTC Manager Laura Jaecks concerning the renewal and possible modification of its lease of space on the facility's first floor.

Pangborn Memorial Airport

Airport Manager Pat Moore briefly discussed the status of FAA Airport Improvement funds for the airport and various airport staff training requirements. The Ports of Chelan and Douglas Counties, as joint owners of the airport, will hold their regular monthly joint session on May 28th at 8:30 AM to review airport operations and issues.

Economic Development – POWER UP! Summit Report

Ron Johnston-Rodriguez and Aimee Pope presented a post-Power UP! Summit report. 150 attendees participated in the two-day event at the Wenatchee Red Lion on May 15 and 16. The overwhelming success of the program was, in part, measured by the multiple leads, TVW coverage, etc., as well as the hundreds of responses about the seminar after the event concluded.

Maintenance and Repair Issues – Building 5

At the request of Property Director Dayle Rushing, the commissioners authorized RH2 Engineering to develop an estimate for adding a new membrane to the roof of Port Industrial Building #5 at 210 Olds Station Road. In addition, RH2 was authorized to develop an estimate for replacing the HVAC system for the same building. The building contains 38,000 sq. ft. of office and production space and was constructed in 1989 for JanSport. The building presently houses three tenants: M&M Productions, Loomis, and Acupack.

Landlord Consent – Building 1: Eastmont School District

The commissioners gave their formal consent to leasehold improvements to the building at 337 East Penny Road proposed by the current Skill Center host district, Eastmont. Under Eastmont's management the Skill Center is expanding its automotive department and seeks to construct a paint booth and other related areas of service in three of the bays on the southwest corner of the building. The Landlord Consent to Leasehold Improvements places full responsibility for the construction project and its impact on the building with Eastmont School District, as host agency for the NCW Technical Skills Center who operates the Automotive classes for area-wide high school-age students.

Cedarbrook Lumber Lease Termination

The commissioners approved a request for early lease termination by John Lysaker of Cedarbrook LLC in Cashmere. The Port recently purchased the old Cashmere Mill site from Mr. Lysaker but leased back space to him to continue to operate his business there until June 30, 2009. The early termination will take effect on June 30, 2008.

Executive Session

An executive session was held to discuss real estate and personnel matters. No action was taken.