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PORT OF CHELAN COUNTY

Meeting of the Port Board of Commissioners
Thursday, July 15, 2010 - 8:30 a.m.

Meeting Highlights

Pangborn Airport

The commissioners approved the Second Amendment to an Interlocal Agreement with Douglas County addressing the realignment of Airport Way. This document outlines the responsibilities of the two parties as the project moves into the construction phase. The agreement authorizes the county to administer the construction contract on behalf of the airport but identifies key steps in the process that require consultation with and concurrence of Pangborn's governing board and the FAA. Airport Operations Manager Ron Russ reported that the County will be ready to bid the project after the certification of the realignment documents are completed.

The commissioners also accepted the engineer's estimate for total construction costs associated with the road realignment in the amount of \$650,643.84.

There are two primary grants related to the project. The STP Grant of \$250,000 requires a local match of \$39,017. The AIP Grant has been applied for in the amount of \$500,000. The commissioners approved funding, not to exceed \$29,017, for the local match of the STP funding for Airport Way Relocation. Douglas County agreed to provide a local match of \$10,000 toward the STP Grant.

Ron commented that the Port of Douglas County commissioners approved similar motions at their meeting Wednesday.

Fire Protection Contract for 2010-2011

Raylene Bradley, property manager, presented the annual fire protection contract with Fire District No. 1. The agreement addresses emergency standby response in Olds Station for the next twelve months. She reported a substantially lower term cost due to the 2009 sale of two properties to Wenatchee School District. The commissioners approved the contract and related payment in the amount of \$13,717.

Leavenworth Chamber Tourism Facility – Partial Condo Purchase

The commissioners authorized port staff to execute all documents related to a "Tenants in Common" agreement between the Port and the Leavenworth Chamber. The agreement provides for the joint purchase of the present chamber and visitor center space along Highway 2 in Leavenworth (a condominium in the former Safeway building). Total purchase price for the condominium is approximately \$421,000 of which 19%, or \$80,000, will be paid by the Port. Since this purchase was expected to close in 2009, an amendment to the 2010 budget including the \$80,000 purchase will be necessary. Legal counsel Pete Fraley stated that a supplemental budget process provides a means for commissioners to make adjustments in the final budget that was approved the previous year. The Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce will manage the facility and be responsible for all costs associated with the condominium after closing.

Pybus Project

The commissioners approved an agreement with the city of Wenatchee and adjacent property owners to commit to a process of evaluating the south node riverfront property at the base of Orondo Street. The agreement provides that evaluation of all aspects of the future development plan will be based upon unanimous approval by all participating owners: private, city, and port partners. The estimated plan costs of \$75,000 will be split equally between them. City administrators Allison Williams and Steve King were present to confirm the city council's approval of this collaborative effort. It is anticipated that a consultant will be retained near the end of August to assist with the development of the south node plan.

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