

## **PORT OF ANACORTES**

### **Minutes-Special Meeting**

**August 23, 2010**

The Port Commission of the Port of Anacortes held a Special Commission Meeting on August 23, 2010. The purpose of the meeting was for the Commission to hold a site tour of Port projects. The tour was held primarily via boat, meeting at the Port's field office at the Cannery Building, 715 Seafarers' Way, Anacortes, Washington, and then called to order outside at the Port's fuel dock at Cap Sante Boat Haven.

In Attendance: Commission President Rubin, Commission Vice President Mooney, Commission Secretary Niver, Commissioner Hopley, and Commissioner Short.

Also in attendance: Executive Director Hyde, and Executive Assistant Lindsey.

Others in attendance included John Herzog, Scott Site environmental consultant from Geo Engineers who also piloted the boat, and Steve Berentson of Berentson Public Relations, who took photos during the tour.

#### CALL TO ORDER

At 4:10 P.M. Port Commission President Rubin called the Special Meeting to order and announced the purpose of the Special Meeting.

#### SPECIAL AGENDA

##### SITE TOUR

The Commission began their tour of Port project sites at the fuel dock where they reviewed fueling operations. From there, the tour examined the Boat Haven's pump-out barge, which is directly connected to the Anacortes Waste Water Treatment plant to the north. While inside the Boat Haven, the Commission also examined the fairways, noting the condition of E & F Docks, slated for replacement beginning next year, and discussed maintenance dredging. Executive Director Hyde reported that the Port did not receive an ALEA grant, for which the E & F Dock replacement project was among the finalists. The projects selected for the grant were primarily land acquisition applications. Also viewed in the Boat Haven was the P/Q Dock Small Craft Hoist.

Leaving the Boat Haven, Executive Director Hyde turned over narration of the tour to John Herzog of Geo Engineers. Mr. Herzog observed the recent installation of galvanized pile by the Coast Guard, replacing former wooden structures, to hold navigation aids, lights and signage. Mr. Herzog noted that signage was planned to warn boaters of shallow water conditions near the new attenuators and inside the Seafarers' Memorial Park harbor area. The attenuators are complete. In response to questions from the Commission, Mr. Herzog explained that the top of the attenuators will be approximately two feet above the high water level during storm conditions.

The Commission viewed the beach at the Memorial Park, where Mr. Herzog explained the reconfiguration and materials used. The site contractor is in the process of adding more fine materials to the beach and constructing a three tiered wall which will extend down to the property line to the south. The installation of the new concrete pier is underway. This will replace the seasonal pier used in recent years. The new pier is wide enough for two lido craft, with a ramp to the north, a low freeboard float, and kayak launch area.

From their vantage point, the Commission could see part of the excavated dirt from the remedial upland areas of the site. Mr. Herzog explained that approximately 30% of this material is reusable. All material undergoes testing for suitability of potential reuse.

The Commission next toured further south on Fidalgo Bay, where they observed the MJB property where uplands work has begun for a new boat ramp, and viewed the former Custom Plywood site. The Port has been approached by the Dept. of Ecology to participate in the clean-up of that site. Commissioner Hopley noted that the Port has the expertise to do the work needed and should consider utilizing it for the good of the community. Mr. Herzog explained that the Dept. of Ecology has expressed willingness to fully fund the clean-up with the Port acting as lead agency. He noted the dioxin signature at the site is likely to be extensive.

The next stop for the tour was the Port's Guemes Channel properties. The Commission viewed the Wyman's Marina area and discussed the Wyman's ramp. The Port has applied for permits with federal, state and local agencies to make much needed improvements to the ramp which is used for transportation of goods, fuel and materials to the San Juan Islands, including those islands not served by the Washington State Ferry system.

Also on the Guemes Channel, the Commission viewed the pilings inserted to assist in the off-loading of barges at the Port's Pier 2 facility. The piles were funded by the Dept. of Ecology for the Scott Site project. Barges carrying material from the Scott Site are off-loaded at Pier 2 for sorting in the Port's material handling facility.

To the west of Pier 2, the Commission viewed improvements Dakota Creek Industries has made to the shipyard leased from the Port, including new pier construction. Once all electrical installation is complete, Dakota Creek plans to move the dry dock from the face of Pier 1 to the new pier facility.

While in this vicinity, the Commission also discussed the possible re-routing of the City of Anacortes' treated water outfall.

The Commission concluded their tour with an observation of the "O" Avenue/"Railroad" Avenue beach restoration before returning to the Cap Sante Boat Haven fuel dock at 5:25 p.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Having no other business to discuss at this time, Commissioner Rubin called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Short moved to adjourn the special meeting.

Commissioner Mooney seconded the motion. Commissioner Rubin called for a vote on the motion, which carried unanimously and the special meeting adjourned at 5:26 P.M.

**Attest:**

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Keith Rubin, President

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Pat D. Mooney, Vice President

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Ray Niver, Secretary

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William L. Short, Commissioner

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Steve Hopley, Commissioner

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Julie Johnson Lindsey, Executive Assistant  
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