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**PORT OF DEWATTO REGULAR MEETING
November 9, 2004**

Commissioner Robert Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Commissioner Lorraine Kelly, Commissioner Jon Byerly and Port Manager Christine Phalen were in attendance.

Guest present were : Ken Jarstad, Bonita Jarstan, Dan McPhee, Brad Carey and Mary Swaboda.

CONSENT ITEMS:

1. Motion was made to accept minutes of October 5, and October 19, 2004. The motion carried.
2. Motion was made to accept the vouchers as prepared. The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Campground Electricity: Port Manager Chris Phalen was asked to give a status report on the Electrical work at the campground. Manager Phalen stated the contract from Ahearn Electric was \$21,673.00 plus tax and PUD could not put the underground wire in for a month. A change order was drafted for Ahearn Electric to do that portion of the work for an additional \$3700.00 plus tax. The work contracted is 98% finished.

Commissioner Byerly asked if the contract he was looking at was drawn up by our Attorney Gordon Walgren. Port Manager stated it had been drawn up by the attorney. She also stated she had verbal agreement from Commissioner Stevens and Kelly to sign the change order for the additional work.

Commissioner Kelly said she had driven through the campground and the work looks very well done.

2. Letter from Manke Lumber: Commissioner Kelly read a letter from Manke Lumber concerning the Port Campground. Letter available for review upon request. This letter was written by Harry Rydell. Commissioner Kelly is to meet with Mr Rydell on Friday to answer any questions he has concerning the campground. Mr. Rydell wants to check the area we have on the lease agreement. She stated she had explained to Mr Rydell that there were three definite lines for the area described. The Dewatto-Holly Road, the White Creek and the Dewatto River. The

fourth line is the row of trees by the blue gate.

With this meeting we may be able to start the process to obtain a long term lease or possibly buy the section of land that the Port is interested in.

3. Fire pits: Some body in the audience asked about the Fire pits. Commissioner Kelly said we have been trying to contact the individual who works for DNR and was to have taken on this project. It is understood that the pits are done but we have been unable to pick them up.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: Commissioner Byerly reopen the discussion concerning the Port hiring a consultant to help the Port put together a good Comprehensive Plan. He also brought to the table the possibility of entering in to a contract with Ken Jarstad to help the Port out on an Administrative level.

It was discussed about having Ken and Bonita put together a Comprehensive Plan for review by the Commission. Commissioner Byerly asked for clarification giving him permission to work with Ken and his wife and start discussing the main focus which will be the Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioner Kelly asked that at the next meeting a proposal be ready for review. Commissioner Byerly agreed. Commissioner Kelly again raised the issue of contacting Joe O'Leary. Mr. O'Leary has worked for the Port before and he is well versed in Ports and grant writing. Commissioner Byerly asked that we wait to address this until he could meet with the Jarstad's.

NEW BUSINESS:

Brad Carey; Brad gave a run down on what was going on at the Port of Tahuya. Commissioner Kelly stated that she thought it was beneficial to have a Port Manager or Director. She said this gave the Port more latitude to work on projects because you were able to work through the Manager to resolve an issue between meetings. By bringing an issue up in the meeting and that would need research before a final decision is reached then the Manager can get the answers and contact the Commissioners for their final approval.

Resolution 04-04 was adopted on November 9, 2004. This was the Budget resolution.

OPEN DISCUSSION: Visitor Mary Swaboda asked why is there a Port of Dewatto. She wanted to know why the Port didn't fold. Commissioner Kelly said she would answer Mrs. Swaboda's question with a question. The question was why?

Commissioner Kelly stated that the Port of Dewatto has been in existence since 1927. If we turn this over to another Port, we would lose control as to what happens in our area. Commissioner Kelly stated she would be out of office in 1 year but she would stay active to see that the Port of Dewatto remained. As the Commission moves ahead with this Comprehensive Plan and as Commissioner Byerly will explain to you, we have the opportunity to buy property, or

build a cell tower. These thing could bring the Port revenue. Commissioner Kelly said one of the goals of the Port is Economic Development for the Community.

Commissioner Byerly said this is the first level of government for the citizens to be able to have their opinions heard. What would happen if we dissolved this Port then another Port such as , Tahuya or another one the opportunity to come in and pick up our tax base for their activities. There is of course a process that has to be followed but it can be done.

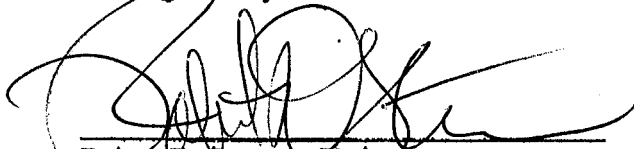
In our New Comprehensive Plan, it is the goal to try to find other economical issues that we can develop for this community.

Commissioner Kelly used the Port of Dewatto Building as an example. This building has increased our over all net worth tremendously. This building is due to be paid off in 2007. This building has changed since it was built. It has gone from no use to being used more. We need to continue to advertise this building to continue to increase the revenue.

Mrs. Swaboda asked Commissioner Kelly why she didn't use her column to put the Port forward. Commissioner Kelly said she walked a fine line with the column she writes for the Belfair Herald. Then Mrs Swaboda asked about Mrs. Knight the Port Director for the Port of Allyn. It was stated that it appeared that Mrs. Knight did a great job for the Port of Allyn plus she and her husband were very active in the growth of Allyn.

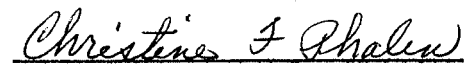
Open discussion ended at 8:20 Pm. Commissioner Byerly made a motion to cancel the December regular meeting. The next meeting will be January 4, 2005 at the Port of Dewatto building.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20PM


Robert D. Stevens, Chairperson


Lorraine Kelly, Commissioner


Jon Byerly, Commissioner


Christine F. Phalen, Port Manager