

Pioneer Ports Meeting
November 9th 2017
Clarkston Golf and Country Club – Clarkston WA 1676 Elm Street

Attendance: Port of Lewiston -- Jaynie Bentz, David Doeringsfeld, Jerry Klemm, Mary Hasenoehrl; Port of Clarkston -- Beth Larson, Marvin Jackson, Rick Davis, Wanda Keefer, Wayne Tippett; Port of Whitman -- Tom Kammerzell, John Love; Lewis-Clark Terminal -- Arvid Lyons

Wayne Tippett called the meeting to order at 6:20pm, and introductions were completed. There were no citizen comments.

Snake River Family Festival in May and Riverfest in September – Resources remained from the May event; these were sent to the Tri-Cities for a hopeful repeat next spring in that location. Colin Hastings with the Chamber is the lead on the Tri-Cities event. As for the September Riverfest, appreciation was expressed for the participation of all the ports and Grain Terminal in the educational tent lead by the Port of Lewiston. It was deemed successful, and planning has begun for next year's event.

The status of Cathy McMorris Rogers' legislation to make hydropower recognized as a renewable energy was discussed.

The PNWA Summer Conference 2018 at the Quality Inn on June 25-27 was discussed. The Pioneer Ports are looking at supplementing the cost for additional activities to assure good attendance. Potential options relating to the winery, brewery, and Renaissance Marine factory tour were identified, as well as a potential jet boat tour and golf.

The telecommunications joint initiative was discussed, with appreciation expressed to the Port of Whitman for their administration of the program. A message from Doug Mattoon from Valley Vision was shared, relating to two recent responses to RFPs, with his primary point that having broadband connectivity is a major asset in marketing our jurisdictions.

The visit of the Washington Senate subcommittee at the end of October was discussed. The Pioneer Ports coordinated a meaningful program for those visitors. Legislators are paying attention to water transportation.

The Port of Lewiston reported that they are winding down with small projects, as well as dealing with the homeless.

The Port of Whitman discussed new requirements by the Corps of Engineers for extending leases that could have significant future financial liability. Likely, the Pioneer Ports will want to coordinate on this.

The Port of Clarkston discussed the record year for tour boats, and its successful ask to have the water raised to accommodate cruise boats. Also, we are helping with the City of Asotin with two initiatives: land conveyance and marina restoration.

Arvid reported that the LC Terminal is making new investments in steel bins and equipment in January 2018.

At 7:38 p.m., the meeting was adjourned. Next meeting, February 2018.

Mike Thomason

~~Mary Hasenoechl~~, Secretary

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