

PORT OF LEWISTON
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
March 27, 2018

The special meeting of the Port Commission was held at the Port District Office at the hour of 12:00 p.m. on March 27, 2018.

Present at the meeting were Port Commission President, and Mary Hasenoehrl, Port Commission Vice-President, Jerry Klemm, and Commission Secretary/Treasurer, Mike Thomason. Administrative staff in attendance was David Doeringsfeld, Port Manager and Port Assistant Manager, Jaynie Bentz. The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Port Commission President, Mary Hasenoehrl.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

Port Commission President, Mary Hasenoehrl, called for review of the agenda. Commissioner Thomason made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Commissioner Klemm. The motion passed unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None

ACTION ITEM: None

WORK SESSION AND DISCUSSION:

Open discussion was had between Port Commissioners and staff as ongoing strategic planning discussions for the development of drafting an update to the Port's Comprehensive Plan.

Discussion was had regarding Port properties including land values, market values, ranges of lease rates, status of land and infrastructure development, review of Port properties that are and are not occupied by tenants as well as adjacent non-Port properties. Discussion was had regarding the prioritization and the Commission's level of interest in land development projects, potential costs and timelines for properties located within the Northport area at the lower elevations on and adjacent to the waterfront; the Harry Wall Industrial Park including the old Steelman pad sites, Wall Street properties and the Confluence Waterfront site; the Business & Tech Park.

Discussion was had regarding today's announcement of Alaska Airlines ceasing service to Lewiston effective August, 2018. Open discussion included possible bus shuttles to Pullman, the void in direct service to Boise, speculation of other carriers interested in picking up the Lewiston market, and what impact this change may have on the local economy and business community.

Discussion and review was had regarding the incubator tenants, program and rates. Consensus was had that the new building concept designed this year would be held for construction until the current building is fully occupied and additional space is warranted. The site location of the new building, previously identified, was reviewed.

Discussion and review was had regarding the 11 acre Confluence Waterfront property including overview of potential recreational components.

Open discussion was had regarding the Port's upcoming advertisement for Request for Qualifications from Architectural and Engineering firms. This is done every three years.

Manager Doeringsfeld shared information regarding the city's North Lewiston Revitalization application for grant funds to prevent the spread of blight conditions. Discussion ensued regarding North Lewiston, the homeless and transient activities, the Port Commission's interest in hosting a facilitator for local service partners regarding the issues impacting North Lewiston and our community, and the expectation that the city will do outreach to North Lewiston businesses regarding any grant funds that may become available.

Commissioner Klemm shared pamphlets he collected from local RV parks. Commissioner Thomason shared a poster regarding the cruise ships on the Columbia-Snake River System. Commissioner Thomason also updated the Port Commission on the timeline for interviews regarding the search for a new Executive Director, replacing Doug Mattoon, for Valley Vision. Compliments were voiced regarding Mr. Mattoon and discussion was had regarding the role and expectation of Valley Vision's Executive Director position due to Doug's engaged leadership into local and area economic issues. Commissioner Thomason also reported that the LC Valley Chamber is hosting a presentation on "13 Ways to Kill your Community".

Commissioner Thomason made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:29p.m., seconded by Commissioner Klemm. Voting Aye – Commissioner Thomason, Klemm and Hasenoehrl; voting Nay – None. The motion passed.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:29 p.m.

Mike Thomason

Secretary
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