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**PORT OF DEWATTO REGULAR MEEING
December 3, 2002**

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

Guest present: Ken & Bonnie Jarstad, Sid Cackette, Mervyn Clements, Don KirVan and Pete Lambert.

CONSENT ITEMS:

1. Motion to accept minutes of November 12, 2002 minutes as written. Motion carried
2. Motion was made and seconded to pay the monthly voucher. Motion carried.

Prior to starting the regular business Chairperson shared a letter from S&C Baker, Inc. Cathy Baker has started a Computer Service. The letter explained the different programs she is qualified to teach. Chairperson Kelly said the letter was available if anyone would like the information.

A letter in support of the Port of Tahuya's Planning Grant Proposal was written and sent to the DNR Regional Manager

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Campground:

Commissioner Byerly said he had contacted Pat Halfner and asked him to contact Port Manager Chris Phalen. He requested that Mr. Halfner to accompany the Port Manager to look at the shelter at the campground. The results of this contact will be discussed at the next Port of Dewatto Meeting.

We are waiting on a bid for the WCCW work force for the camp stoves for the Park. We have one other bid and as soon as the bid is received from WCCW the Commission will make a decision whether to go ahead with the stove project.

Commissioner Byerly discussed the closing of Aldrich Lake and Twin Lakes by the DNR. The DNR is looking to partner with another organization to keep these

campgrounds open for the use by the public. The Port of Dewatto exploring the operation of Aldrich Lake Campground had written a letter to Mr. Wolff of DNR stating an interest.

The Commission has operating concerns about this project. The Port should not take on this project unless it can be shown that this can be run without losing money.

Commissioner Byerly said his concern and his wishes for the Port of Dewatto is that this project could be operated with out a loss to the Port. Without a possibility of a break even or a profit the Port should not take on this endeavor.

Landscaping: Discussion on landscaping the Port property continued. Mr. Don KirVan showing the possible design for the arca presented a drawing. Commissioner Byerly thought we should consider hiring a landscaping designer with the intcnion of developing the landscaping in phases, as money is available. Suggestion was made to try and use as much native plantings as possible.

Commissioner Kelly wanted the Commission to review the drawing presented with discussion continued until the January Port meeting. Commissioner Byerly suggested that moving dirt in the parking area should be Phase 1.

Commissioner Stevens suggested the need for a Spccial Mecting to walk the area and discuss what we view as a plan for the area.

A Special Meeting was set for January 11, 2003 at 10:00AM at the Port Building.

Business Cards: Chairperson Kelly asked Commissioner Byerly is he had been able to come up with a design for the Port. Commissioner Byerly said rather than business cards he was thinking about a Port Logo. This item was tabled until the January meeting.

Generactor: Sid Cackett gave a report on the generator. He stated he had checked the generator on December 11th and the battery was dead. He felt that the automatic setting had been on and with the gas off all it did was run the battery down. He then charged the battery and connected in on December 12th. He turned the Automatic feature off and has found that the battery is maintaining it charge and can be started with no problem.

Sid suggested purchasing a small battery charger and installing it to keep the battery charged up. He also suggested that the automatic start be kept in the off position. Sid also suggested a taper charger so when the battery is up the charger shuts off.

A motion was made to purchase a battery charger from Sears. Motion carried.

Website: The website is operating normally at this time. Ken Jarstad will keep us posted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Land use: Commissioner Byerly explained a plan that is being developed to try and acquire a lease from Manke Lumber on the land from the bay at the Oyster House to the existing campground. Commissioner Byerly is working with the Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement group who has a grant to develop this plan. They have prepared a map of the area encompassing the existing campground to the bay. A proposal has been written to present to Manke Lumber. This will be done as soon as they can determine whom to contact.

This proposal would have a recreation component with trails, and boat launch. Question was raised as to the ownership of the oyster house and land. The question was raised as to whether Mr. Virgil Manke had private ownership of this piece. Research seems to indicate that this is not the case.

Commissioner Byerly explained to the audience that the need for community support was one of the most important components of this endeavor. Commissioner Byerly will report at the next Port meeting on the progress on the plan.

OPEN DISCUSSION: Commissioner Byerly has been attending North Mason Chamber of Commerce meeting. He reported on the new School Levy coming up for vote on February 4, 2003. The vote on this levy will be by mail in ballots only. It is a 2.3 million dollar levy to replace the existing levy, which is due to expire. Groups are being formed to support this levy and get the information out to the voting public. The meetings are set for December 6, 2002 and Jan 5 & 6, 2003.

Commissioner Byerly presents a form for Senior Citizens to volunteer at the Mason County Schools. This program provides tax credit for those volunteering with a certain income level. The forms have been placed on the table at the Port building.


Commissioner also explained about the new Sewer System being planned for the Belfair area.

Chairperson Kelly called for an Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. The meeting took approximately 20 minutes. Left public area at 8:00PM and returned at 8:20 PM.

Our next meeting will be on January 7, 2003 at 7:00PM

Meeting adjourned at 8:20PM.


Lorraine Kelly, Chairperson


Robert (Doug) Stevens, Commissioner


Jon Byerly, Commissioner

Christine F. Phalen, Port Manager/Sec.