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**PORT OF DEWATTO SPECIAL MEETING,
APRIL 22, 2003**

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

Guests present: Sid Cackette, Deanna Saylor, and Jon Byerly Jr.

This Special meeting was a continuation of the planning for the Comprehensive Plan and Mission Statement. Commissioner Byerly was the Facilitator for this meeting.

Commissioner Byerly recapped the information from the prior work session. This included the review of the existing Comprehensive plan. A review of the authority that Ports have, and the definition of what constitutes a Port. These items are the basis for the development of an expanded Comprehensive Plan.

From the prior meeting, Jon, reviewed the chart that was developed to set priorities of items that may be projects for the Port to undertake.

Commissioner Byerly reviewed the Dewatto Park Study that was done last year to determine the needs for the Port Campground. From this study the Commission could explore the possibility of applying for a planning grant using this study as a basic start. Some of the items for the campground would be to extend, expand, and explore a larger leased area and an extension of the lease.

Commissioner Byerly suggested that the Commission contact a Consultant that deals in grants and apply for a planning grant. If the cost of using a Consultant to apply for a planning grant is too high then our Commission could write the grant. Jon is a grant writer, which would be positive for the Port. Two Consultants that the Port and/or Commissioners have used are Joe O'Leary and Jones and Jones.

One of the primary goals for the Port at this point is to secure a long-term lease from Manke Timber for the land from the Oyster House to the Campground. The initial contact made by Commissioner Byerly with Manke timber appeared that if approached with a good plan to present we should be able to secure the lease. This again would be part of the planning grant if the lease were obtained

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It was requested that Commissioner Kelly take the material from the two planning sessions and incorporate the material into the original Campground Study. Take the sessions material and expand the Comprehensive Plan and Mission Statement.

Commissioner Stevens raised question about the school ground property. Commissioner Byerly said what is needed is to identify different parcels and put a list together on land on the market within the Port boundaries. The DNR does not sell property but they will trade if the land is in the boundaries of areas they already have control. So parcels that are privately own within the State Forest could possibly be purchased and used as a trade with DNR for a piece that is of interest to the Port. It was determined that the School property would be a piece that the Commission should continue to pursue.

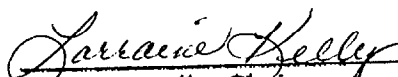
The cell tower was again a topic of discussion. Since the Port has parcels of land behind the Port building it could possibly be a place to lease to a cell company to install a tower. The area is in need of a tower as this area is with out cell service.

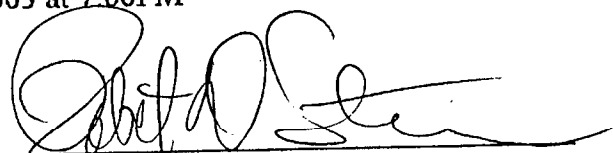
Another suggestion was to add a golf course to the list of wishes. A report of the material developed by the Special Meetings will be available for review by the June regular meeting.

Commissioner Kelly thanked Commissioner Byerly for the excellent job in putting together the materials for the two special meetings. They will begin to make the Port a much more viable entity and give the community a feeling that their Port is moving forward.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00PM.

The next regular meeting will be May 6, 2003 at 7:00PM


Lorraine Kelly, Chairperson


Robert (Doug) Stevens, Commissioner

Jon Byerly, Commissioner

Christine F. Phalen, Port Manager/Sec.