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**PORT OF DEWATTO REGULAR MEETING
JULY 1, 2003**

Chairperson Lorraine Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:00PM. Commissioner Robert (Doug) Stevens, Commissioner Jon Byerly and Port Manager Christine Phalen were in attendance.

Chairperson Kelly called an Executive Session to last one hour.

The Regular Meeting was called back into session at 7:00PM.

Guest present: Ken Jarstad, Bonita Jarstad, LeRoy Burgess, Barbara Burgess, Mr. Wendell, Mr. McDonald, and Mervyn Clements.

CONSENT ITEMS:

1. Motion was made to accept minutes of June 3, 2003. The motion carried
2. Motion was made to accept the vouchers as prepared. The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Campground: Chairperson Kelly asked if any one had talked to Mr. Halford about the fire pits for the campground. Port Manager Chris Phalen said she had called but had not heard from him. Commissioner Byerly said he has been fighting fires for the past few days. He also said the camp stoves are being assembled. Chairperson Kelly said the Commission was not pressuring, just looking for a update on the progress. Commissioner Byerly said he would ask Mr. Halford to give Manager Chris Phalen a call.

Chairperson Kelly presented drafts of signage for the Campground for review by the Commission. The Rules and Regulations need to be rearranged in order. It was suggested that these rules be printed on a 4X8 board.

Ken Jarstad had pictures of different signs from the area. The Commission discussed the type of sign they were looking at and cost. Approximate cost would be about \$100. This is comprised of 2 sheets of plywood and a shake roof. It was suggested that a metal roof might work better.

Chairperson Kelly suggested that we purchase a manufactured money box for the campground.

Commissioner Byerly requested that the Commission work toward getting an information sign up at the campground soon.

It was suggested that a line be added to the Rules and Regulations stating "No large groups without Port approval". Commissioner Byerly requested that the statutes be checked to make sure they are correct.

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As soon as a decision is made on the information board, Commissioner Byerly would order the material and a work party would meet to install the board. He suggested that we need to place the sign near the main road and make it 2 sided to be seen from either direction..

A discussion was entertained concerning changing the name of the Port of Dewatto Campground. It was suggested that the name be changed to Dewatto River Campground, managed by Port of Dewatto.

Chairperson Kelly said if Commissioner Byerly would send her a list of materials she would order it from Mitchell Lumber. It was discussed, last month about getting in contact with Carl about road signs. Commissioner Byerly said we need to get the new signs up before we contact Mason County Public Works, because we have some law enforcement issues at the campground. Commissioner Kelly offered to contact Carl of the public works to discuss the sign issue.

Commissioner Kelly said she did talk to one of the Mason County Sheriff's deputies about the need to have the campground patrolled. The Officer said a letter to the Sheriff's department in Shelton requesting a meeting to discuss the possibility of a patrol at least on the weekend when the need is greatest. Commissioner Kelly will write letter to Sheriff's department.

Landscaping: The landscaping issue will be handled by Commissioner Stevens who will report back at the next Port meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Port of Allyn Meeting: The Port of Allyn Director, Bonnie Knight had sent an e-mail suggesting that a meeting be arranged of the other Ports in the area. Commissioner Byerly said, Port of Allyn was trying to set up a meeting to get all the Ports together to meet and maybe find ways to work together. Tourism seems to be the big issue for all of the Ports in this area. Commissioner Byerly said he had attended 3 meetings with the agenda being to try to encourage tourists to visit our areas.

Guest Ken Jarstad stated that the County does not have a Comprehensive Plan for tourism. He stated that the County had a preliminary plan to go forward with a Comprehensive Plan which would stress a commitment for all agencies would work together to promote tourism.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Mr. McDonald asked if there was any new information on a Cell Tower for this area. Commissioner Kelly asked Barbara Burgess for a report on the tower. Barbara said the Kitsap County approved a tower to be erected in the local area. She stated that even with county approval it will take time before it is erected. It appears that the company requesting the permit is verizon. Barbara said she had written a letter and asked for information but had not received a response at this time.

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Mervyn Clements asked about power and water in the campground. Commissioner Kelly said the first thing that need to be done is put up the signs. Commissioner Kelly also stated that power and water are things that are on the list for the campground, but all things for the campground need to be done in order. First is the Comprehensive Plan, then signs. The plan to try and expand the campground through a lease is next with the possibility of finding grant money to help improve the campground. The question was raised as to PUD helping however, the Port will have to hire an Electrical Company to do any work to improve the power at the campground. The Commission will continue to work toward improving the campground.

Ken Jarstad asked about putting the areas Home owners Associations on our web site. Commissioner Kelly said she would have to check with the Association which she is a member. Part of the problem would be having the information available due to the vandalism and break-ins that can occur. Commissioner Byerly thought it might be appropriate for the Port website.

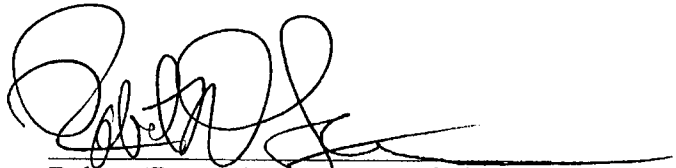
Mr. Jarstad also mentioned the Shelton Journals information on Ports. He said that they publish the information that is provided by the Ports. Port Manager Phalen said that they had always been contacted by the Journal but had not had any contact with them. Commissioner Byerly suggested that the Port needed to be more Pro active and contact the journal for information when they are planning on printing the Visitor Guide and provide the information.

All Port business was completed by 8:00PM.

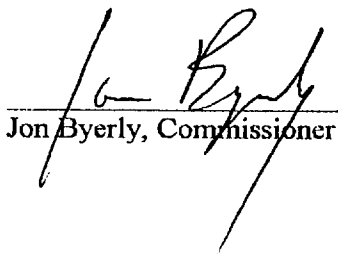
The next Regular Meeting will be August 5, 2003

Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.

Lorraine Kelly, Chairperson



Robert (Doug) Stevens, Commissioner



Jon Byerly, Commissioner



Christine F. Phalen, Port Manager