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Port of Dewatto Regular Meeting  
February 3, 2004

Chr Robert D. Stevens called meeting to order at 8:00 PM. Commissioner Lorraine Kelly, Commissioner Jon Byerly and Port Mgr Christine Phalen were in attendance.

Guest Ken Jarstad, Bonita Jarstad, Bev Wendell, Merve Clements, and Deanne Baylor.

Consent Items:

1. Motion was made to accept Minutes of January 13, 2004. The motion carried.
2. Motion was made to accept the Vouchers as prepared. The motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

1. Campground - Chr Stevens said we talked about the campground at last meeting. He said the fire pits are out there ready to go. We are just waiting for the weather to change.
  - A. Campground information board is also ready and waiting for weather to change. Comm. Byerly asked Port Mgr Chris Phalen if she would organize a work party to put the sign up. Comm. Kelly said we need to set a date for the work party. It was decided to try for April 10<sup>th</sup> and try for volunteers; if not, hire it done. Port Mgr Chris Phalen said the first big group of campers will be Easter weekend. She also said she had talked to Carl and was told it could not be put up by road. Comm. Kelly said she has all the things that she sent the Commissioners but she is still trying to get hold of Attorney Walgren for the right RCW logs and she hasn't heard back yet.
  - B. Campground Revenue  
  
Port Mgr Chris Phalen reported that she has not received any reports from Shelton at this time but she did report petty cash \$1,535.64, cash in bank \$144.10, building revenue \$70.00 and \$30.00 from campground.
2. Port Logo - Chr Stevens said he forgot about it.
3. Website - Ken Jarstad said he added search capabilities to the website so now you can click on that and find a lot of stuff.

4. Comprehensive Plan - Chr Stevens said our Comprehension Plan is a big item. Comm. Byerly said talking about the Comprehension Plan he thought most everyone present was here when we did our open house, talking about changing the existing plan and including some philosophy changes and doing a little brainstorming session. What we would like to do is redo that and go through that process again but tonight he said we identified at the last meeting that we wanted to talk about Public Outreach and take some suggestions and discuss how best to get the word out to the community that we want to take a look at the Comprehensive Plan that we have currently, and make some changes to it and get their input and suggestions. If they would like to get involved with the process when we do set that date we would like to encourage as many people as possible to show up so they can have input into it. Comm. Byerly said there are several ways to do that: putting adds in the paper, word of mouth through the community, and posting on message boards. Comm. Byerly said someone from Tahuya mentioned sending out mailers but that is very expensive to do. We don't know if that is necessary but we would certainly like to hear from you folks what you think as far as getting the word out there for folks to get here when we set that date.

Comm. Byerly asked if it can be posted on the website. Ken Jarstad said he would suggest a special press release rather than a notice for regular meeting. He said he would also suggest notices for meetings for community information, and make sure the website is included in the meeting notice.

Comm. Kelly asked if we should not have a regular paid add rather than the regular meeting. She said that way we would be fulfilling a portion of sending out mailers. A mailer is going to require time and it is going to require a mailing list that we would have to get from the County and that will also take time.

Comm. Byerly asked if we could not get a headline on the front page of the website talking about the need for public involvement, but we don't have a date. Ken Jarstad said he thought we should have a separate page for that. Someone suggested pop up's on the website. No one wanted pop up's. Comm. Kelly said she has been asked by the Belfair Herald to start writing the Dewatto doings again and he has been after me for two months. She said that would be one form we could use for this. Maybe when they read the column we will get more people out.

Comm. Byerly said maybe we should start looking at a date for our first session. Date was set for March 9<sup>th</sup>. Comm. Kelly said we would want the information in the paper at least 3 weeks before. Comm. Byerly said March 9<sup>th</sup> is set to work on the Comprehensive Plan and that will be separate from our regular meeting on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Maybe we can get more people involved in the process, so please let people know. Comm. Byerly said the one thing we don't want is to start this on May 9<sup>th</sup> and have people come in later and say they didn't know we were talking about it. Comm. Byerly said the real way of doing that would be flyers but that would cost a lot of money and a lot of time to do that.

Clemonts wanted to know what the progress on the Don Kirvon saga was. Comm. Byerly said he went down and met with Don and his wife and he gave me his side of everything that occurred and a lot of great stories; history of his home; a lot of great stories of history he didn't know.

Comm. Byerly said the commissioners have discussed it and they still haven't decided as to how to deal with the situation. There is an opinion that with all the circumstances involved with the contract between Kirvon and the Port that we just pay him and take care of the bill and move forward, but among the commissioners there is also the other view that the work was done and under the legal guidelines of the legal contract and the Port is not liable to pay the rest of that balance so we are still trying to work it out among the commissioners and we will still discuss it in our executive session. Clemonts said he was concerned about the whole thing. He said Kirvon had just come back from Italy. Comm. Kelly said it would be discussed tonight at our executive session. We haven't put it away.

#### New Business:

Comm. Byerly wanted to know how everyone felt about having a dance in the building. He said he had a friend that has a DJ business where he goes out and has dances. He said that this is a beautiful building and it is not utilized by the community or around the area. Comm. Byerly said he does a great job. Comm. Kelly said maybe have a pot luck along with it. Comm. Byerly said he would check with his friend and see what he would charge and figure out how we could recover the cost. Comm. Byerly said he has a great record collection; the old time stuff, 20-60 that doesn't get used. Comm. Byerly was going to find out what he would charge. Comm. Kelly asked Port Mgr. Chris Phalen about the Port putting it on and about the charges. It was decided to have it in May for the Port's anniversary party.

#### Dewatto Days:

Dewatto Days was discussed. Everyone was hoping Sally Lambert would come back and do it.

#### Open Discussion:

Comm. Byerly said there is a lot of stuff going on around us and through us that most people don't know about on a large scale - Cascade Land Conservancy, Hood Canal salmon enhancement, a lot of different environmental groups are working hand and foot with land managers forest land. Out here on the Peninsula the goal is to keep all the forest lands producing timber versus development. Comm. Byerly said he is very active in that effort. Just North of us in Kitsap County, Port Blakely is dumping all their forest land and the county doesn't have the funds to buy them. D.N.R. is scrambling, trying to find out if we have anything in our land acquisition accounts to pick them up because if they go into private ownership then they are open for development and the fear across this Peninsula by land managers is that at some point Manke Timber Co. could do that at any time and so could any of the major land owners. So any of us

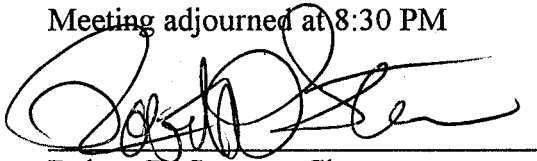
that think we are living in the woods, if we don't pay attention to what is going on on a big scale in our community and in Kitsap to the North of us, we could wake up in the morning and find houses all over the place. Growth management has something to say about that, but just be aware that this is happening in Kitsap County. If anyone is interested in getting involved, Comm. Byerly said he would encourage anyone to do so. He said there is not a lot someone working for an agency can do. He said it is the citizens that make things happen. He said he hoped that trend doesn't follow suit with Manke Lumber Co. and other ones on the peninsula. He said all these groups are trying to work together to figure out a strategy to keep this whole peninsula green for the long term. He said we didn't have to worry about the DNR lands but it is the private timber companies we have to worry about. Comm. Kelly said there are some homes going in up across the road from Tu Lake.

Cell towers were discussed. Someone said there is one going in down on Northshore Road. Comm. Kelly said the tower up by Bodies place looks like it is finished but she didn't think it was in operation yet. Comm. Byerly said there is one going in right next to his house. They are putting up a microwave tower and the cell tower is coming next. He said they brought in the big concrete building on a big tractor trailer. That is Inland Phone Co. putting all that in on Dewatto Hills Rd. Comm. Byerly said that one is high speed.

Chr. Stevens said it was 7:55 and the commissioners were going into executive session and would be out for about 15 minutes. The commissioners returned at 8:28 PM.

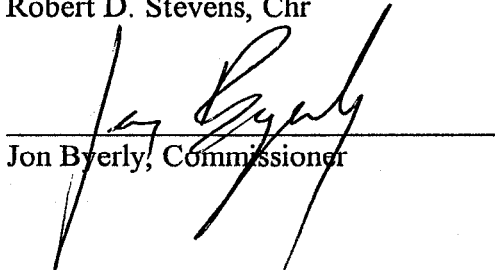
Our next meeting will be March 2, 2004 at 7 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

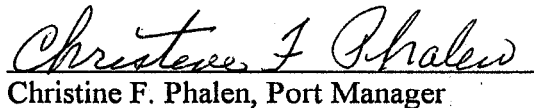


Robert D. Stevens, Chr

Lorraine Kelly, Commissioner



Jon Byerly, Commissioner



Christine F. Phalen, Port Manager