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**PORT OF DEWATTO REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 6, 2004**

Commissioner Robert Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM. Commissioner Lorraine Kelly, Commissioner Jon Byerly and Port Manager Christine Phalen were in attendance.

Guest present were Mr. Wendell, Jim Christen, , Ken Jarstad, , Mervyn Clements, Deanna Saylor and Mrs. Woods, Mrs Texeira and Mr. McDonald.

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

1. Motion was made to accept minutes of March 2, 2004. The motion carried.
2. Motion was made to accept Minutes of Special Meeting of March 9, 2004, Motion carried
3. Motion was made to accept the vouchers as prepared. The motion carried.

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

Mrs. Texcira, a representative from Hood Canal Coordination Council. She works for 3 counties, Jefferson, Kitsap and Mason, this also includes two Indian Tribes. This council was formed in 1985 by the State Legislator to oversee, protect, and enhance the natural resources of Hood Canal. Although they have a small budget they do apply for grants to enable them to promote the council. One of the grants they have is for Shore line restoration project on the North Shore. This is designated as The North Shore Community Restoration Project. This grant is to promote the participation of Northshore Community members to attend workshops to learn what they can do for restoration. There is also funding for the Dewatto area. Mrs. Texieras goal was to interest people from the Dewatto area to attend a planning meeting. She is now trying to form a committee of residents to solicit information as to what direction they would like to see taken as to restoration and maintenance of the area.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Campground:** Commissioner Kelly volunteered to contact Pat Halford concerning the fire pits for the Port of Dewatto campground. She will try to determine the number of pits they have completed and try to arrange to have them picked so that the Port can have them installed at the campground. Hopefully we can complete this project this spring.

**Campground Information Board:** The information board is ready for installation. The original date for installation of the board did not work out. Commissioner Byerly rescheduled the work party for April 17<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM. The information concerning the correct RCW was obtained. The campground rules are covered UN RCW#53.08.220.

**Campground Fees:** A discussion was entertained on raising the campground fees. Port Manager Chris Phalen researched existing fees at other campgrounds and found that most other facilities were charging considerable more than the Port of Dewatto Campground.

Commissioner Kelly made a motion to raise the camping fees to \$15.00 for electric campsites and \$12.00 for non-electric sites and \$15.00 per day for the kitchen. The motion carried.

**Port Logo:** Postponed until the meeting of May 4, 2004.

**Website:** Chairperson Stevens asked Ken Jarstad if he had anything to report on the Website. No new news but he was keeping upon news and posting all things, trying to keep everything current.

**Comprehensive Plan:** The meeting was turned over to Commissioner Byerly. Commissioner Byerly said he had picked up the wrong flip charts for this meeting... This meeting would be worked from the notes.

**Evaluation Criteria:**

- A. Short/Long Term Financial gain to the Port.
- B. Enhance Public Access
- C. Environmental Protection
- D. Quality of Life to Local Area

The information provided tonight is the same information that was used at the last meeting. A report was distributed to the audience of the workings from the prior meeting.

Commissioner Byerly proposed that we review the list that were proposed at the prior meeting and discuss any issues that might add to the report.

**Idea's presented for Revenue generation:**

- a. acquire property
- b. Purchase land for x-mas tree leasing.
- c. Harvest timbers
- d. Brush leases
- e. Conservation land
- f. Special purpose use (such as bird watching, museum with all the history in area.

**g. Boat Ramp**  
**h. Lease Lands (DNR Campgrounds)**

Commissioner Byerly said everything appeared to be the much the same as from the previous meeting. The word Marina was used and as explained by Commissioner Byerly, this word is a catch-all for many ideas and can set off fireworks with different individuals. It was expressed that the Bay would not support a marina. There are other areas in the Port district, such as, Lakes and other areas that have potential.

The Moderator (Commissioner Byerly) stated that all of the items identified would be used as items for the Port to use acquiring for such things as acquiring lands, acquiring a lease on the land where the oyster house is. Acquire a lease on the boat launch. Acquire a long term lease on land associated with the Port Park.

By acquiring land at the park would give the Port an option to continue improving the Port campground.

Another area that needs focus is the Port building. The Commission needs to find ways to promote the port building to generate more revenue.

Acquiring land should also be a priority.

Also explore all other possibilities for land use which would help generate revenue for the port.

The Moderator stated the intent for this meeting is to get the items identified.

Other ideas promoted during this meeting are as follows:

- Improve campground
- Acquire Lease, marine, boat landing, oyster house.
- Acquire land on TSF boundaries
- Promote building rental
- Aqua farm
- Helipad
- Storage buildings
- Paint ball course
- Marina
- Port concession at Campground
- Lease existing DNR facilities
- Partners with other Port Districts
- Dance Hall
- Facility for research.

It must be stated that these are ideas only to be explored in the development of the Comprehensive Plan.


**Miscellaneous Items:**

Port of Dewatto Anniversary Party June 29, 2004 (77<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

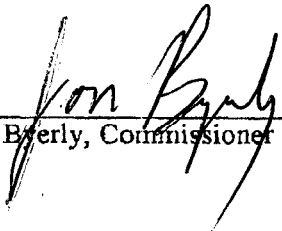
Dewatto Days has been scheduled for August 21, 2004

Our next meeting is May 4, 2004 at 7:00PM at the Port of Dewatto building

Meeting adjourned at 8:45PM.

  
Robert (Doug) Stevens, Chairperson

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Lorraine Kelly, Commissioner

  
Jon Ejerly, Commissioner

  
Christine F. Phalen, Port Manager