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**PORT OF DEWATTO REGULAR MEETING  
September 7, 2004**

Commissioner Robert Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:10PM. Commissioner Robert (Doug) Stevens, Commissioner Lorraine Kelly, Commissioner Jon Byerly and Port Manager Christine Phalen were in attendance.

Guest Present: Mr. Bickel, Mr. Tracy, Mr. MacDonald, Mr. Jarstad, Mrs. Texira, and Mr. Brocksmith.

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

1. A motion was made to accept the minutes of August 3, 2004 as written. Motion Carried.
2. Motion was made to accept vouchers for the month of August as prepared. Motion carried.

Guest Speaker: Speaker Sue Texira and Richard Brocksmith from Hood Canal Coordinating Council ave a presentation. Ms. Texira explained what the Coordinating Council did. She explained that they recently met with a group at Renson Creek off North shore Road. She said they go out and walk the shore line to discuss with the community what they can do and cannot do.

Mr. Richard Brocksmith explained that their Council was interested in having Dewatto Bay dredge behind the oyster house where many years ago there had been some work done. By doing this they could put the bay back to its original form. He said he thought they could apply for grants to do this project. Both he and Ms. Texira were interested in the opinion of the Commission and the people of the community. He explained that their goal was to work with the Port in anyway they could to enhance the area.

Commissioner Byerly reported on a meeting he and Mr. Warner had with Holly Manke White of Manke Lumber concerning a conservation easement. Ms. White said their company wasn't interested in any kind of an easement but did not have a problem with the removal of the berms.

Commissioner Kelly asked when the area had originally been dredged. It was determined that it was done somewhere between the 1950 to early 1970's. She also asked what problems the Council might face with the government when they presented their plan. Mr. Brocksmith did not think their would be any opposition. He stated the Salmon Enhancement Group would get the grants permits and any other necessary paper work.

Mr. Brocksmith said the Coordinating Council would work with the Port any way the could be of benefit.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**1. Comprehensive Plan:** The Commission made a decision to continue work on the Comprehensive Plan at the October 5, 2004 meeting. The full Commission will be in attendance.

Commissioner Byerly asked Commissioner Kelly if she had the Philosophy completed. Commissioner Kelly stated that she had been working on it but had not completed the project. Commissioner Kelly said she would try to get it completed and fax to the Port Manager and she could then forward it on to the other Commissioners.

Commissioner Kelly suggested that we should plan to hold a special public meeting and possibly adopt the plan at that meeting. She mentioned that we would have to advertise the special meeting.

Commissioner Kelly informed the Commission that she might be out of town around the middle of the month. Commissioner Byerly asked that she leave any paper work with the Port Manager .

Commissioner Kelly said she had a meeting scheduled with Manke Lumber on Thursday to discuss the land issue. Mr. Dale Hall said that they had been very busy through the summer. He agreed to meet with her.

**2. Campground:** Commissioner Byerly stated he would like to see the Commission start some upgrades in the Port campground. Commissioner Kelly agreed but reminded the Commission that only 2 years remained on the lease with Manke and if we are going to spend \$25,000.00 to \$30,000.00 we should cover our backsides a little bit if possible.

Port Manager Phalen has already started contacting electrical contractors and had an appointment at 10:00AM tomorrow the first one.

Commissioner Byerly asked Port Manager Chris Phalen if there was anything we could do on the one acre in the campground? Manager Phalen said one of the things that could be done would be to upgrade the electrical. Commissioner Kelly asked if the present electrical system was confined to the one acre? Manager Phalen said that was correct.

Commissioner Byerly said wh would like to move forward and do upgrade the electrical within in the one acre. If the day came when we were able to extend our lease we could then look at expanding the electrical.

Since the Port Manager already had a meeting arranged with an Electrical Contractor, she

could contact other Contractors for bids. Commissioner Kelly said she thought the dollar amount was \$5000.00 without putting it to bid. Port Manager Phalen said she thought the amount had been raised to \$20,000.00. Commissioner Kelly asked Mrs. Phalen to confirm the amount and if that figure was correct we could move forward with the project.

Commissioner Byerly said he would like to move forward and not wait until next month to look at 3 bids, Commissioner Kelly suggested that Commissioner Byerly to make a motion.

Commissioner Byerly made a motion to move forward with the electrical upgrade on the Port owned land at the campground. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. Motion carried. An amended motion was made for Port Manager Chris Phalen to get 3 bids for upgrading the electrical at the one acre campground and get that information to Commissioners as soon as possible. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion, motion carried.

**3. Dewatto Daze:** Commissioner Kelly asked if anyone had a report on the money that was generated on Dewatto Daze. Port Manager Chris Phalen stated that she heard that the amount was around \$1200.00. The Commission extended an apology to the Committee of Dewatto Daze as none of the Commissioners were able to attend the function.

Commissioner Kelly asked what had happened to the items that did not sell at Dewatto Daze. Port Manager Phalen said they were taken to the Food Bank in Belfair for their Garage Sale on Saturday.

Commissioner Kelly said before next year the Commission needs to sit down with the Dewatto Daze Committee to iron out any problems that exist with the hope of helping make the Dewatto Daze a bigger success.

It was suggested that a letter of appreciation be sent to the Dewatto Daze Committee. Commissioner Kelly offered to write the letter.

**4. Website:** Ken Jarstad said he didn't get a copy of the agenda or minutes. He said he is learning to use the new software.

Commissioner Steven was interested in the website. Commissioner Kelly said the site was doing well. She said it would do better if the Commission would hold their share of the bargain.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Commissioner Byerly asked if anyone had received any feedback from our 77<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party. Commissioner Kelly said she had heard that the people that attended had a good time. Comment was made that there was way to much food.

Commissioner Byerly said that he had received a promotion which made his new area of responsibility away from this area. He has place his home on the market to sell, and if it does he would be looking to move to the Pierce or King County area. He stated that he and his family would prefer to continue to live in this area but that the travel distance takes most of his time and gives him little time with his family.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Stevens said he had heard that there had been another incident in the park but the same party as before. Commissioner Kelly said she had tried to contact the parents but hadn't been able to reach them but would keep trying.

**Cell Tower:** Question was raised concerning the tower on the North Shore Road. It was determined that it is a Singular Tower and that their cell phones do work in the area. However, once you go up the hill toward the Port building you lose the signal until you get in the Belfair area.

Commissioner Byerly noted that the tower just across the county line has not started construction at this time. He also stated that there is a microwave tower being built near his home. He also said he talked to one of his coworkers at DNR where they lease space for towers. He said American Towers is the leading Company where they go put a tower and then lease space on the tower to different cell phone Companies. He also said DNR is looking at installing a tower on DNR land.

Mr. Tracy, from the Retriever Club, suggested the Port contact American Towers about a cell tower for our land.

Mr. Tracy from the Retriever Club came to the meeting to resolve a question about campground spaces he reserved last March. When he reserved the whole campground. Commissioner Byerly asked him for his version of the incident as he has just heard about it this evening. Mr. Tracy agreed he did reserve everything, but, said later he called and canceled the ones that had not been rented.

Port Manager Phalen said she did not receive a call and did not hear about an cancellations until Mr. Goreman called her a few days before the club was to arrive. Mr. Tracy sent a deposit of \$100.00 to hold everything last March.

Commissioner Kelly asked the Port Manager what the relationship has been with the club. She reported is has always been good. Chairperson Stevens told Mr. Tracy because of the misunderstanding we are going to let this one go but we are going to keep the deposit and

from here forward anything reserved will have to be paid for.

Commissioner Stevens called an Executive Meeting at 8:25PM. The Commission would return in 20 minutes.


Commission returned at 8:47PM.

Commissioner Kelly made a motion to pay Mr. Don Kirvan the balance they owed on the landscaping that was done. Motion carried.

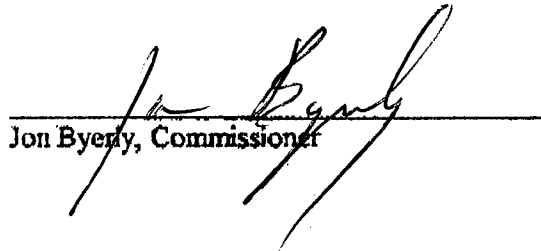
Commissioner Kelly made a motion to pay Commissioner Byerly for the extra meetings he attends for the Port with mileage. This is according to the RCW. Motion carried.

The next Port of Dewatto Regular meeting will be October 5, 2004 at 7:00Pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50PM.

  
Robert (Doug) Stevens, Chairperson

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Lorraine Kelly, Commissioner

  
Jon Byerly, Commissioner

  
Christine F. Phalen, Port Manager