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Regular Meeting  
April 7, 2009

Chairperson Lynett McLean called meeting to order at 6:30p.m. Commissioner Robert D. Stevens, Commissioner Richard T. Edwards and Port Manager Chris Phalen were in attendance.

Guests Present: Pete Lambert and Ken Jarstad

Consent Items:

1. Motion was made and seconded to accept minutes of March 3, 2009.  
Motion carried.
2. Vouchers: motion was made and seconded to accept vouchers for April 2009 as prepared.  
Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

1. Campground:

Port Manager Chris Phalen reported the park is starting to get busy. There were people in the park all last week, and we have some reservations for this weekend. The lady prisoners will be out on the 20<sup>th</sup> to clean the park. She tried to get them sooner, but the sergeant was on vacation so couldn't get her on the phone.

Petty cash has \$1,441.01 on 3/20/09 and the park fund has \$200.00 in the bank. \$930.46 was deposited in Shelton and has \$621.00 to go to the bank. Received a check for \$162.00 in the mail today.

Commissioner Stevens said someone is taking our fire pits and selling them for salvage. Port Manager Phalen was going to pickup some bags of concrete and have the girls dig down in the ground and set the rims in concrete to make them heavier so they can't take them or move them around. The Commissioners thought it was a good idea.

Commissioner Stevens said someone was swinging on some of the roof down at the kitchen and split the board. We will need to get that fixed. Port Manager Phalen added that she had already contacted Rockie Guimont to fix it.

2. Website:

Mr. Ken Jarstad said nothing is going on with the website. He said he still hasn't connected with the website that Commissioner Steven's had been telling him about. The site says it is still under construction and was going to continue trying to get a connection. Port Manager Phalen asked Mr. Jarstad to add the comment; "All reservations must be paid for in advance." to our website.

3. Printer:

Commissioners made a motion and seconded motion to replace Port Manager Phalen's printer for \$139.00 plus tax. She has worn out two printers printing stuff for the Port. Chairperson McLean said we also bought one for the Port. Port Manager Phalen said she purchased a new answering machine for the Port as well.

Open Discussion:

Commissioner Edwards said he thought our stop work order went away after all the trips he made to Shelton. Port Manager Phalen said she has not heard anything. Commissioner Edwards said in talking to all the people he talked to right now he feels we accomplished what we set out to do. To create a cleared area for emergency situations.

The reason they put a stop order up was because this is a residential forest, and we would have to re-zone to put in a helicopter pad. Commissioner Edwards said it would cost us \$3000.00 or \$4000.00 in permits and re-zoning to put in a helicopter pad, and DNR said all we need to do is get a roller and roll it out and plant grass. They said it was perfectly fine the way it is. He said everyone went away satisfied.

Commissioner Edwards said the letter we got from DNR was in reference to rezoning and a permit would take 5 years. Port Manager Phalen said the road forming called her and asked what we wanted to do about the culvert permit. I told him to hold on to it until we decided what we want to do.

Commissioner Edwards said he is still trying to get a hold of Manke, He said he went to his office in Tacoma and he can't get past the secretary. Commissioner Stevens said we should ask for a 20 or 25-year lease so we can go for a grant to do the work. We will need to clean up the area. Commissioner Edwards said we need to send a letter asking for a meeting and address all the issues in a meeting. He added, if he assists us and we assist him, we could draw DNR in and will have a line of communication established and create what is good for everybody. We could have a second area on his property, with no environmental devastation to his property. Commissioner Edwards said there are many avenues you can to with these partnerships any more. He also said these environmental things get worse every year.

Commissioner Edwards said there is grant money available in Puget Sound Tourism System and with the funding being like it is, and Potlatch and Little Wapp State Park prospects of being closed, the people are going to camp some place and we have the area. He added that Dewatto is a high priority Delta, same as the Union River and the Snoquamish River and they are concerned about the devastation and the degradation of that wetland, Commissioner Edwards said he wasn't sure if it is the fish and wildlife people or the environmental people checking on this, they are both holding special meeting about this and are researching all these areas. They are taking samples and when you see someone walking down Tahuya River taking soil samples, you know something is going on. We want to keep Dewatto as it is and need to protect it as is.

There is a spring seminar over in Pasco, May 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, put on by Washington Public Parks at Red Lion.

Anniversary Party was set for June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and that would be our 82<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary. Time would be 1 to 4pm and would get the Old Time Fiddlers for the music.

Sending cards to sick people was discussed.

Our next meeting will be May 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40p.m.

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Lynett D. McLean, Chairperson

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Robert D. Stevens, Commissioner

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Richard T. Edwards, Commissioner

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Christine F. Phalen, Port Manager