

PORT OF DEWATTO
2051 NE Dewatto Rd
Tahuya, WA 98588
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 16, 2018

Chairman: Ray Mow
Commissioners: Richard (Ted) Edwards
David Haugen
Director: Vacant
Campground Coordinator: Joe Newman

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

- a. Chairman Ray Mow called meeting to order at 6:03 pm.
- b. No public comments were made on agenda items.
- c. Ray Mow indicated there will be meetings set for the comprehensive plan in the near future. Dave Haugen moved and Ted Edwards seconded motion to approve the amended meeting agenda. Upon vote, motion passed.
- d. In Board member comments it was asked for guest introductions. Jeana Crosby is very interested in the Port Manager position and submitted her resume. She and her husband, who is fireman, have camped at the Dewatto campground and love it. Jeana has worked in the medical billing/assistance field. Jean Grey introduced her neighbor, Carol Jones. Diana Sweeny and Kris Tompkins from Haven Lake were there.
- e. There were 6 guests in attendance.

2. CONSENT ITEMS:

- a. Ray Mow announced corrections to the April meeting minutes in 3c “Dave suggested that *we* (instead of *were*) review the conditions...” and in 4a Mindy Harlow is the Executive Director of the Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group. Dave Haugen moved to approve the April 18, 2018 regular meeting minutes as amended. Ted Edwards seconded the motion and upon vote, motion passed.
- b. Ted Edwards moved to approve the May vouchers 2018-040 to 2018-054 in the amount of \$4,159.98. Dave Haugen seconded the motion and upon vote, motion passed.
- c. Campground fees collected in April were \$475.00. Dave Haugen collected \$160 in the beginning of the month and then Joe Newman collected \$315 and took to the bookkeeper for deposit.
- d. Fees were collected for Port building rental in April 2018 of \$50 for a Manke meeting. Dave Haugen collected it and gave to the bookkeeper for deposit.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Report any news on future meetings for comprehensive plan: Ray plans to restart discussions on the comprehensive plan. He would like to coordinate a meeting for July. At the June meeting Ray will coordinate dates with the other commissioners.

- b. Pre-development meeting status for helipad: This project is tabled at this time.
- c. Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group's (HCSEG) helipad relocation grant: There will be a meeting with the Salmon Enhancement Group along with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). They want to move the helipad from the Tahuya River in order to replenish the wetlands. One of the possible sites is adjacent to the Port of Dewatto building. Ray stated he talked to Mendy Harlow, HCSEG and they are still applying for grants and he has not met on this yet.
- d. Report on community cleanup day April 22: Ray took his 11 year old son who used a 14 volt electric chainsaw. A dead tree was downed. There were a couple other questionable trees. EJ Iddings is a tree arborist that could be asked to look at them. Ray is starting to contact landscapers. Dave had called Harry Rydell at Manke about the one dead tree on Manke property. Harry sent a Manke worker out to deal with it and the worker also dropped the two hazardous trees at the campground. This was done at no charge to the Port. Trees are infected with the Douglas Fir bark beetle and it is too late to spray now. Joe Newman and Dave Haugen cleaned up the debris. It was asked if the downed trees were cut up for campers to use. Campers have burnt the diseased bark and some big chunks were used for blocking where folks have made roads and some were put down by the river. It is not wise to take the diseased wood to another area.
- e. Need campground picnic tables and fire pits: Some options for picnic tables are self-assembly ones at McClendon's for \$129. Lowe's and Home Depot have some for around \$100. Should have checked at Mitchell Lumber last fall because they are too busy now. Ted suggested contacting the boy scouts. Could talk to State Parks to see where they get theirs. In March Kitsap Memorial Park called because they had some metal and woods ones to get rid of. There needs to be enough picnic tables for the tent and electrical sites at the north end. Some sites are too small for tables. Joe Newman addressed the fire pits. People have created their own rings of rocks. Jeana Crosby will check with the Fire Department. Need to find out if the catch basins at H. D. Fowler are reinforced. Those are 2'x25'x6" tall for \$69.00 including tax. Options for fire pits should be investigated and a decision will be made at the next meeting.
- f. Request for proposal for Port attorney: Ray will develop an advertisement and send to Kris Tompkins for review.
- g. Set interviews for Port Manager position: Jeana Crosby submitted a letter of interest and a resume. She was in attendance and is very enthusiastic about the position and has offered to help. There had been a second person interested and was invited to attend, but was not here. The advertisement is still running. Ray will look at Jeana Crosby's resume, scan it in and distribute it to the other commissioners. He thought they could interview before or at the next meeting.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Washington State Department of Natural Resources is holding a public information meeting at the Port of Dewatto building on June 12, 2018 from 6:00 – 7:30 pm. Kris Tompkins brought and read their notice from the internet. “The proposed Dewatto Natural Resources Conservation Area (NRCA) seeks protection for approximately 5 miles of Hood Canal shoreline, including Dewatto

Bay and Little Dewatto Bay. The Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR), along with our partners at the trust for Public land, Hood canal Salmon Enhancement Group and Great Peninsula Conservancy, are proposing a 1,700 acre NRCA to ensure conservation of important Hood Canal features for enjoyment by future generation; Lowland forests, high-functioning riparian areas, and vital nearshore and estuary habitat for fish and wildlife.

Written comments will be accepted from June 18 – July 9, 2018 and may be submitted to Washington State Department of natural Resources Attn: Katie Wolsey, 950 Farman Avenue North, Enumclaw, WA 98022; or email with the subject line, “NRCA Boundary Proposal” to Katie.woolsey@dnr.wa.gov.” The commissioners voiced intent to attend this meeting.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- a. Joe Newman reported that Steve Brand from Maggie Lake wants to rent the entire campground at the end of April 2019. Mrs. Newman gave quotes of \$1,580 for two nights, April 15 & 16, 2019 for whole campground rental. There have been inquiries for 50th birthday party and wedding campground rental.

Ray would like to have the two job descriptions changed to reflect what is being done with the campground. The Newmans are handling reservations so the Port Manager would not have that duty. Kris Tompkins said she would make those changes.

- b. The Port of Dewatto 2017 annual report is due at the State by the end of May. Ray asked Dave to approach the bookkeeper about doing this report.

NEXT BOARD MEETNG DATE: The next regular scheduled meeting is June 20, 2018 @ 6:00 pm.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT: Dave Haugen moved and Ted Edwards seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon vote, motion passed and Chairman Ray Mow adjourned the meeting at 6:44 pm.

SIGNATURES

Chairman: Raymond Mow, District #2 / Date

Commissioner: Richard (Ted) Edwards, District #1 / Date

Commissioner: David Haugen, District #3 / Date