

Minutes of January 22, 1980

Present were: President Bill Hamm, Vice Pres. Fred Holly, Commissioner Albin Berglund, Manager Bill Hemingway and Attorney Jack Udall.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Manager elaborated on the results of his efforts to find our other Ports' reactions to the WPPA decision to raise the deductible amount on the Errors and Omissions insurance. He contacted eight other small ports, none of which had been contacted previously by WPPA. However, none of those contacted had any particular objection. Manager recommended that we not pursue the issue further.

Vouchers on the General Fund #4556 through #4561, totalling \$2,168.46, were approved by the Board. Motion by Comm. Holly; seconded by Comm. Berglund.

The monthly finance report was reviewed and accepted.

Status of the Port's project regarding R. A. Barnes, Inc. was reviewed. Manager met with Mr. Helzer the previous week to try and finalize engineering requirements. These requirements were passed on to the Port engineer. Manager also commented on his conversation with the EDA project engineer regarding their positive reaction to allowing us to go ahead with bidding while EDA reviews the engineering. (This will have time.) Mr. Barnes has hired a staff member who may be capable of doing environmental impact statements that might be required on any future expansion of his operations. Manager reported that he had talked with Mr. Barnes about a meeting with the Commissioners. He is willing and suggested a time during the week of February 10th. Details to be firmed up later.

The Gorge Study. Comm. Berglund and the Manager attended the joint meeting of the Columbia River Gorge Commission January 16th. No action was taken on a joint position with regard to the NPS study--the Oregon Commission did not agree with their Governor's position, Gov. Ray's position or the Washington Commission's position. The Manager had written a letter to KGW-TV regarding an editorial they had aired, at the request of County Commissioner Hornibrook. The Port has received letters from Rep. McCormack and Sen. Jackson. Rep. McCormack's letter was most supportive. Also a letter from the Mayor and City Council of White Salmon supporting the Port's position was received.

1970 Rev. Bon Issue. The Port Attorney reported that his inquiries regarding our potential use of these bonds continues to be encouraging. His consultations with Bond Counsel indicate that there will probably not be a requirement for a new bond decision and hopefully no arbitrage problems. Manager suggested that we ought to get a written opinion from Bond Counsel, even though it will cost us some money. The Board concurred. Port Attorney will convey this to Attorney Holman.

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Manager presented the new report of activity required of special purpose districts for their review prior to forwarding it to the County Auditor. They concurred in the letter.

The Port of Portland has contacted ports along the Snake and Columbia Rivers regarding a study which had been proposed about a year ago. The purpose of the study is to look at projections and requirements regarding transportation, commerce and industrial development along these tributaries out to the year 2000. The study will undoubtedly be useful to us, but the question of how much support and financial commitment will be required must be known before we get too involved. It was concluded that at the January 31 meeting we should avoid making a firm commitment-- but rather wait to find out the answers to the aforementioned questions first. A figure of about \$200.00 was mentioned as about what the Port could afford. Comm. Holly suggested that the impact of the indian tribes on the development of facilities along the rivers is going to have to be carefully considered in the future.

Revisions to the Port Personnel Policy were discussed. There was some discussion about what option the Port should utilize in participating in the State Unemployment Program. (Pay monthly contributions, or pay only when there is a claim as we have done in the past.) There was also some discussion about the State Retirement System. Although the Port's participation was approved last fall, no formal action has yet been taken. It was concluded that there still needs to be some further research as to what the best way to approach the retirement program is. Manager will provide further information on both of these issues for the next meeting. The policy also establishes a new secretarial position with appropriate job description. Comm. Berglund made a motion to adopt the Revision--less item 10.d. (Retirement Program), pending further research. Comm. Holly seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The MCEDD meeting for January, 1980 will be at the Hood River Inn at 3:30, Wednesday, January 23rd. Comm. Holly suggested that because the Regional Director of EDA would be visiting that all the Commissioners should try to attend.

PNWA Mission to Washington, D.C. It was concluded that the Port will not send a representative this year.

Manager reported on a letter he had written to WPPA regarding some ideas for professional education and training of port officials, and the idea of putting out an annotated planning calendar from WPPA.


Clarification of the Underwood Soil District Policy Statement discussed last week. Manager has been in contact with Tom Gohlke. He explained that they were primarily concerned with preserving farm and timber lands. They are opposed basically to any actions that would infringe on this objective.

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Constitutional Amendment to allow Industrial Revenue Bonding. EDEW is sponsoring a bill to the current legislative session. It would be of great benefit to the Port. We need to support it. Manager will prepare letters to our political representatives stating our position and encouraging their support.

BMI project. Manager had discussed with Mr. Barber his ability to participate in the water service extension to his property as per the BMI-Port Agreement. The water service extension is part of the package to EDA along with the Barnes project. He indicated that he needed to discuss this with his partners because it requires a \$5,000 investment. He will get back in touch by the end of the week of February 25, 1980.

The meeting recessed to executive session at 8:25 P.M. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.



Bill Hemingway, Port Manager



Bill Hamm, President