

Minutes of December 18, 1980

Present were: President William M. Hamm, Commissioner Albin Berglund, Commissioner Michael S. Mansfield, Manager Bill Hemingway, Secretary Margaret Siders, Attorney Jack Udall, Enterprise Reporter Dan Spatz and guests Art Dahl and Glenn Wilson representing the Dallesport Community Council.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by President Hamm with the reading of the minutes of previous meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Vouchers on the General Fund #4914 through 4925, totalling \$6,335.72, were presented. There was explanation for the benefit of Comm. Mansfield and the guests in attendance with regard to voucher #4920 in the amount of \$2,000, payable to Mid-Columbia Economic Development District. The purpose of MCEDD being to help support and identify funding for commercial and industrial projects whether they be proposed by public or private entities. Motion to approve vouchers by Comm. Mansfield; seconded by Comm. Berglund--motion carried.

Financial Statement for the month of November was presented, reviewed and accepted.

Storage & Processing Facility. Manager reported that the contractor has not as yet repaired the overhead doors and there are a couple of outside doors that do not fit properly. Change Order No. 3 has not been signed by Manager. Mr. Hemingway spoke to Mr. Hansler, President of Control-X, regarding the doors and the question of interest being paid on the retainage money. Manager indicated to Hansler that there is no provision in the contract to pay interest and no previous mention has been made of it. Manager also reminded Hansler of our tolerant attitude on time overruns by Control-X. The indication from Hansler was that they would not pursue the request for interest on Port retainage. A letter has been sent to EDA regarding an audit on the Port's project. Since this is only Phase III of a five part project, there is some question as to whether an audit is appropriate at this point--unless EDA wanted to reconcile the project and release their retainage. Ben Benson from the Klickitat County Building Dept. stopped in to advise he had made the final inspection and found only minor repairs to be made to fix the overhead doors and there needs to be some caulking placed around pipes that penetrate the walls. He also mentioned some leaks in the roof which Manager said had been fixed. Start-up time for Barnes will probably be the end of December with the taking of applications for employment to be in the first week of January. Advertisement for employment at the plant will be put in the Employment Security offices in Bingen, WA and The Dalles, Oregon.

Weyerhaeuser Proposal. The Port has received some adverse comments from various citizens in the Dallesport area and The Dalles, Oregon with regard to the storage of chlorine gas tank cars at the Dallesport Industrial Park. Manager has been in contact with Weyerhaeuser advising them of public reaction. The Federal Railroad Commission has stated that it is legal for the cars to be stored at the park. Mr. Art Dahl, representing the Dallesport Community Council, stated

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that several people have called him in protest to the chlorine gas tank cars coming into the area. After some discussion, it was the consensus of the Port Commission that its concern is for the people of the area and since the storage of the tank cars would not provide any long term benefit to the community in the way of employment, tax base, etc., the proposal would be rejected. Motion by Comm. Berglund to reject Weyerhaeuser's proposal to store chlorine gas tank cars at Dallesport; seconded by Comm. Mansfield--motion carried.

Corps Flowage Easement. Attorney Udall advised that the Status Meeting has been postponed until June, 1981. There is a possibility that Dickey Farms will appeal to the Supreme Court. Following discussion it was decided that Attorney Udall should find out exactly what the term "improvements" means within the litigation, and if, as Mr. Carroll Gray states, the Port and Dickey Farms were the only parties effected by the 1938 decision.

1981 Meeting Schedule was discussed with no decision to be made until January.

Gorge Management Status. It was mentioned that Don Clark did not show for his interview at KODL in The Dalles last Tuesday. Manager attended meeting of the Gorge Commissions and it seems there is one area where the two commissions differ. Washington Gorge Commission's charter is to preserve the Gorge and to balance this with the commercial and industrial growth, whereas the Oregon Gorge Commission's charter is concerned only with preservation. The issue should be settled for the two commissions to work harmoniously.

Port Mileage Allowance. Has not been adjusted for two years. Tabled until next meeting.

Goldendale Chamber Resolution. Manager reported on attending a meeting at the Goldendale Chamber of Commerce Dec. 15th wherein a resolution was passed supporting the annexation of all portions of the county not now included in the Port District.

Groves/Dock Status. Power is in at their site. Jim Hagy of Groves has advised that their maintenance building should be in by next month. A call was received from GSA and the State Surplus Agency stating that the stop-logs will be available at a cost of \$2.00 each.

Bingen Dock. Status remains the same. If the maintenance man cannot return to work soon, another person may have to be hired temporarily to help on the job.

The meeting recessed to executive session at 10:30 A.M. and adjourned at 11:00 A.M.


Bill Hemingway, Port Manager


William M. Hamm, President