



## PORT OF SUNNYSIDE MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING

Held March 19, 2012

The March 19, 2012 Business Meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by President Martin. The meeting was held at the Port of Sunnyside Administration Office at 520 S. 7<sup>th</sup> St., Sunnyside, WA.

Commissioners and Staff present at the Study Session/Business Meeting:  
Arnold Martin, Jim Grubenhoff, Jeff Matson, Commissioners;  
Jed Crowther, Property, Development & Project Manager;  
Travis Jansen, Maintenance Manager;  
Gary Holwegner, Sprayfield Manager;  
Vernita Coffey, Administrative Assistant; and  
Steve Winfree, Legal Counsel

List of guests available on request.

**PRESENTATION:** Dan Evans of Promus Energy, Blair Scanlan of Scanlan Consulting and Dan DeRuyter of Geoge DeRuyter & Sons Dairy reported on a feasibility study on using dairy farms to produce renewable natural gas. This study is sponsored by the Washington Department of Commerce and is being conducted in the Lower Valley. Dan DeRuyter explained why his dairy farm is exploring the renewable natural gas option. According to Mr. Evans, the potential for natural gas is high, with the technology worked out already but the lack of infrastructure holding back the widespread adoption of vehicles run on natural gas. The study will help determine feasibility to expand into the Lower Valley.

**PROPERTY, DEVELOPMENT & PROJECT MANAGER:** Jed Crowther presented a written report.

**PORT ENGINEER:** Robert Farrell presented a written report.

**SPRAYFIELD MANAGER:** Gary Holwegner presented a written report and the following items were discussed; (written report available upon request).

- ▶ Gary reported that they are getting some control of the sage rats. A combination of different methods seems to be making a difference.

**MAINTENANCE MANAGER:** Travis Jansen presented a written report and the following items were discussed; (written report available upon request).

- ▶ Travis reported that the stormwater committee met and discussed the options regarding stormwater funding. Travis shared with the committee the Port's concerns and suggestions.

- ▶ Travis stated that Ray has started this years mowings.

CHAMBER REPRESENTATIVES: Gerald Roy and Vernita Coffey presented a written report and the following items were discussed; (written report available upon request).

- ▶ Vernita commented on the analysis report presented by Joey Castilleja at the recent chamber meeting.

NOTICE ITEMS: New Vision Annual Meeting is on March 21<sup>st</sup> at the Yakima Convention Center, 10 North Eighth Street from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m.

#### GENERAL COMMENTS:

##### Staff Comments:

- ▶ Jed reported receiving a land use application notice from the City of Sunnyside, adjoining the airport. The notice requested comments from adjoining landowners, including the Port.
- ▶ Jed informed commissioners of the progress made on the pipeline to the wetland design by HDR Engineering.
- ▶ Jed said that AWOS site planning was proceeding by Reid-Middleton.

Commissioner Comments: Commissioner Grubenhoff and Commissioner Martin stated that they had attended the memorial service for Vern Anderson. They said that it was a very special service and there were many people in attendance.

Citizen Comments: Laura Gjovaag of the Daily Sun News commented that the Daily Sun News employees had a moment of silence for Vern when they had heard of his passing.

#### ACTION ITEMS:

Commissioner Grubenhoff has noted that he has always recused himself from discussion and voting on the payments to Harold's Repair & Rental, LLC because of his ownership interest in the company, and declared that his recusal from discussion and voting shall be in effect for all future payables or other matters between the Port and the company, and the recusal shall continue until withdrawn by him.

- ▶ The consent agenda includes the minutes of the Port Meeting held on March 5, 2012 and payables in the amount of \$115,486.69 issued on March 9, 2012. Commissioner Matson moved to approve, Commissioner Grubenhoff seconded, motion carried.
- ▶ Approve Amendment One To Agreement with Natural Selection Farms, Inc. And authorize Amber to sign on behalf of the Port. Commissioner Grubenhoff moved to approve, Commissioner Matson seconded, motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:     None

ADJOURNMENT: The Business Meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m., peace and harmony prevailing.

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Arnold Martin, President

ATTEST:

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Jeff Matson, Secretary